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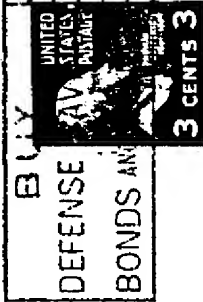
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TITLE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, LOS ANGELES AREA			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY "G"
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>Articles of Incorporation filed with Secretary of State, California, on January 23, 1941, reflect certain organizations advocate preparedness and isolation. Its Southern California Committee is composed of substantial citizens. No evidence of subversive activities. Names of national and local officials listed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- C -</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 5/7/86 BY SP-6 bja/ky</p> <p>Details:</p> <p>A review of the file on this case disclosed that on January 24, 1941 an article appeared in the Los Angeles Times, dated January 23, 1941, Sacramento, California, which article stated that on that day the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, a Los Angeles patriotic organization opposed to "legislation empowering the President to lend, lease, give or otherwise dispose of" defense materials, filed articles of incorporation January 23, 1941 with the Secretary of State.</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED] on February 19, 1941, the following report was submitted to this Office:</p> <p>"An examination was made of the articles of incorporation filed by the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, Los Angeles, in the Office of the Secretary of State of the</p>			
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State of California, on January 23, 1941.

"The articles of incorporation are as follows:

"ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE indorsed and filed in the Office of the Secretary of State, State of California, January 23, 1941.

"Article 2: The purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

"A: To organize and to give effective voice to the vast number of Californians who agree with the tenets of the America First movement and who wish to add their strength to the mounting will of Americans everywhere against involvement in foreign wars.

"B: To preserve American democracy, which purpose can be accomplished only by keeping the United States out of the present European war and all other foreign wars.

"C: To support a program for the building of an impregnable defense for America.

"D: To oppose all subversive groups whose programs attempt to involve the United States in foreign wars, or entangling alliances.

"E: To oppose the use of American troops for any purpose other than the defense of the Americas and our possessions against armed attack.

"F: To oppose repeal of the Neutrality Act. To oppose repeal of the Johnson Act, and to oppose passage of any bill permitting American vessels to enter the combat zone of the European war.

"G: To oppose passage of any legislation for the disposition of equipment or materials vital to American defense to foreign nations, and to oppose legislation empowering the President to lend, lease, give or otherwise dispose of such equipment and materials in his sole discretion.

"H: To oppose any legislation or executive acts by the President or any future administration, tending to impair or destroy the Civil liberties guaranteed to American citizens by the constitution of the United States.

"I: Non-profit corporation.

"J: To appoint any paid officers, agents or employees of the corporation.

"ARTICLE 3: Los Angeles County to be the principal office, to be located \_\_\_\_\_

"ARTICLE 4: Directors of the corporation.

"ARTICLE 5: No limitation upon number of members of the incorporation. Only

"A: Shall be American citizens

"B: Have no affiliation with German-American Bund or Communist Party, or any affiliations of either, or any official or semi-official propaganda instrumentality of any foreign nation whatsoever.

"ARTICLE 6: The determinations of all matters of policy, election of officers, and financial control, shall be invested in a Board of Directors, and any vacancies occurring in Board of Directors shall be filled by majority vote of remaining directors.

"The national headquarters of this organization is located at 1812 Board of Trade Bldg., Chicago, Illinois. General ROBERT E. WOOD, acting chairman. The National Committee is composed of 27 members, and the following are some of the names listed:

"MRS. BENNETT CHAMP CLARK  
IRVING S. COBB  
BISHOP WILBUR E. HAMMAKER  
GENERAL THOMAS HAMMOND

GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON  
ALICE ROOSEVELT LONGWORTH  
CAPT. EDWIN RICKENBACKER  
MRS. BURTON K. WHEELER.

"The principles of this organization are given as follows:

"1. The United States must build an impregnable defense for America. With such a defense no foreign power, or group of powers, can successfully attack us.

"2. With proper safeguards for the distribution of supplies and the maintenance of our neutrality, Americans should, to the limit of their ability, give humanitarian aid

to the suffering and needy people of England and the occupied countries.

"3. The cash and carry provisions of the existing Neutrality Act are essential to American peace and security. Within the limits of that Act Americans may properly aid Great Britain. Aid to her beyond the limitations of the present Neutrality ACT would weaken our defense at home, and might well involve us in conflict. We oppose any change in the law which would permit American vessels to enter the combat zone or which would permit the American navy to convoy merchant ships through that zone, as any such course would inevitably plunge this country into Europe's war.

"4. Americans should and do cherish the ideals of democracy and abhor dictatorship, but the welfare of one hundred thirty million Americans and the preservation of democracy on this continent demand that the United States keep out of foreign wars.

"The subsidiary objectives are listed as follows:

"1. To bring together all Americans regardless of possible differences on other matters, who see eye to eye on these principles (this does not include Nazis, Fascists or Communists).

"2. To urge Americans to keep their heads amid rising hysteria in times of crises.

"3. To provide sane national leadership for the majority of the American people who want to keep out of the European war.

"4. To register this opinion with the President and with Congress.

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"Although this organization may have the sympathetic endorsement of some so-called front organizations, we were unable to find any indication that they are anything but patriotic,

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sincere, Americans, with no thought of subversive activities."

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Although various Nazi sympathizers in the Los Angeles area are known to have attended meetings of various AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE in Southern California, there is no evidence that the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE in itself is engaged in subversive activities.

On August 25, 1941, a communication was received from FREDERIC A. CHASE, Executive Secretary of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE, located at 3142 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 5, Los Angeles, California, telephone Federal 1168, which letter stated that by authorization of the executive Board of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE of Southern California, they were asking all officers, employees and representatives of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE or its chapters to fill out a questionnaire, which will be retained in the confidential files of the COMMITTEE, and has for its purpose to provide information whereby competent investigation can be made if necessary.

CHASE stated the organization had already checked with the files of the Los Angeles Police Department on chapter officers and with the exception of one case no question had been raised as to the loyalty of any individual. He stated they were checking further on this particular individual.

CHASE stated that the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE is pledged to the maintenance of American institutions and specifically bars from membership any person who belongs to any subversive organization, and that in the event this Office wished to conduct an investigation of any individual of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE the questionnaires setting forth confidential information would be available to this Office upon request.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

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The America First Committee was incorporated under the Not for Profit Laws of the State of Illinois on September 19, 1940. The purposes of the committee as outlined in its charter are to encourage and maintain in the United States of America:

1. Peace and the Democratic ideal.
2. A program of adequate defense.
3. A furtherance of peace in this continent, a policy of non-intervention in the affairs of other continents and to encourage the giving of help to refugees and the needy in other lands insofar as such help does not endanger the peace in the United States.

The America First Committee has advertised itself as being "non-partisan organization of loyal and patriotic men who believe:

1. The United States must build an unbreakable national defense.
2. No foreign power nor group of powers can ever successfully invade a prepared America.
3. Our Government sending men of its own, ships, planes and materials of war to a belligerent overseas dangerously weakens our defense at home and threatens to involve America in war abroad.
4. Our American Democratic liberties can only be preserved by keeping out of foreign wars in Europe or in Asia."

The national headquarters of the America First Committee is located at 1806 Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois. A local headquarters is maintained in Washington, D. C., at 1010 Vermont Avenue, N. W. There is a total of 586 local chapters and affiliated units of the America First Committee throughout the United States.

The following is a list of the officers and Directors of the America First Committee with the background as to each individual.

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Acting Chairman - General ROBERT E. WOOD, 925 S. Roman Avenue, Chicago, Illinois; graduate of West Point and served many years as officer in the United States Army; presently Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sears Roebuck and Company.

National Director and Secretary - R. DOUGLAS STUART, JR., 141 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois; graduate of Yale University and studied three years in the Yale Law School before terminating his study to become associated with the America First Committee; is the son of R. Douglas Stuart of the Quaker Oats Company.

Treasurer -

J. STANFORD OYIS, Vice-President of the Central Republic Bank of Chicago.

Board of Directors

HANFORD MAC NIDER - Mason City, Iowa; presently a banker; former National Commander of the American Legion; former Assistant Secretary of War, 1925 to 1928; served with the United States Army in France during the World War and was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel on May 6, 1919; received Croix de Guerre - five citations; also connected with various civic organizations.

GENERAL THOMAS HANFORD -

Retired United States Army Officer; president of Whiting Corporation, manufacturers of cranes and foundry equipment, Harvey, Illinois; served with United States Army in World War; chairman of Republican Party in Illinois.

J. C. RONDEL -

Formerly with George A. Borup and Company Packers, Austin, Minnesota.

CLAY JUDOCK -

Attorney, 120 West Adams Street, Chicago, Illinois; associated with the law firm of Wilson and Melvaine; former president of Chicago Council of Foreign Relationships; member of Board of Trustees of United Charities, Chicago, and president of Board of Trustees, Frances Parker School, Chicago.

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which is a well-known private school.

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In addition to the above Officers, the following are members of the America First Committee:

**DR. ARTHUR JULIUS CARLSON-**

Professor of University of Chicago; Reported to be an international pacifist; has studied in Moscow, U.S.S.R.; considered an extreme liberal; was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Sanitary Corps, United States Army in 1917 and was with the American Expeditionary Force from March to September, 1919.

**WILLIAM R. CASTLE, JR.-**

Former Assistant Secretary of State; former Ambassador to Japan.

**IRVIN S. COES-**

Nationally known speaker and author.

**JANEY AYER FAIRBANKS-**

Active in cause of women suffrage and politics; former member of the Executive Committee of the Democratic National Committee; was a member of the Women's National Liberty Loan Committee during the World War; has written several books.

**JOHN T. FLYNN-**

Noted economist and writer; wrote "Country Squire in the White House."

**HENRY FORD-**

Automobile manufacturer.

**GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON-**

Nationally known retired Army officer.

**ALICE ROOSEVELT LONGWORTH-**

Daughter of the late President Theodore Roosevelt.

**THOMAS N. MC CARTER-**

Attorney General of New Jersey, 1902 to 1907, which post he resigned to become president of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey, which operates and controls nearly all of the gas, electric and transportation utilities in New

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Jersey; director of Chase National Bank, New York City; Federal Union Trust Company, Newark, New Jersey; American Surety Company; American Super Paper Corporation and United Gas Improvement Company.

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CAPTAIN EDWARD RICKENBACKER-

Nationally known aviation figure.

LOUIS J. TABER-

Nationally known for his work in connection with agricultural developments.

DR. GEORGE H. WHIPPLE-

Nationally known pathologist.

The following persons, who are nationally known, are also members of this Committee:

Mrs. Bennett Champ Clark  
Bishop W. E. Kennaker  
Kathryn Lewis  
Sterling Morton  
Edward L. Ryerson, Jr.  
Mrs. Burton E. Wheeler.

The America First Committee is reported to be financed solely by voluntary contributions by those interested in the organization. The Committee conducted a radio broadcast on October 21, 1940, at which time the radio announcer requested his listeners to send anything from dimes to dollars to the America First Committee, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois, and this same request was made following numerous other broadcasts.

The Committee has also issued a card called "America First Committee Contribution Card," bearing the following:

"I am convinced that we can preserve our American Democracy only by keeping out of foreign war. Therefore I am contributing \$\_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of the America First Committee."

On October 21, 1940, Hootie Carter was sponsored in a transcription program of Station WHIO, Chicago, Illinois, by the America First Committee. In this broadcast Carter explained that the Committee was dedicated to aid America first and later to aid Britain. Following the transcription, the announcer suggested that the listeners write their congressmen and senators demanding that they prevent the United States' intervention into the war and

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that they arm America before aiding Britain and also requesting the audience to send in anything from dimes to dollars to the America First Committee, Board of Trade Building, Chicago, Illinois.

A confidential informant stated that the America First Committee was started by General Wood in cooperation with the other members of the Committee and that although the Committee's viewpoints in connection with the United States' present policy in foreign affairs is different from that of the administration, he is of the opinion that the Committee originally had a few persons in it who were what he termed "left-wingers" and according to him are not to be considered Communistic.

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On December 18, 1940, the America First Committee sponsored a rally in Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Illinois, at which rally 3500 persons attended and several thousand were turned away.

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Information received from a confidential source, reveals that on January 16 the office of the America First Committee was opened on Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, California, and it was observed that the automobile of Dr. Georg Gyssling, German Consul was parked in front of the building during that day. The informant related that this car had never been seen there previously and has not been seen there since that time.

The America First Committee has published an enormous amount of propaganda literature concerning the aims of the Committee and has circulated this literature throughout the United States. The apparent object of the literature is to crystallize American opinion to prevent the entrance of the United States into European wars and to villify the foreign affairs program of President Roosevelt. The numerous pamphlets published by the Committee state that 86% of the people of the United States are opposed to the United States intervening in foreign wars. These pamphlets fail to make any explanation as to how the figure of 86% was arrived at. This literature also makes an appeal to American mothers to aid the Committee for the purpose of preventing

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their sons from being embroiled in another European war. The foreign program of President Roosevelt is termed "the road to war" by the literature emanating from this committee.

Friends of Democracy, Incorporated, L. M. Birkhead, National Director, with National headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, published a pamphlet entitled the "America First Committee, the Nazi Transmission Belt." This pamphlet alleges the America First Committee whether its members know it or not and whether they like it or not is a Nazi front organization and is a transmission belt by means of which the apostles of Nazism are spreading their anti-Democratic ideas into millions of American homes. This pamphlet also charges that Adolf Hitler and his disciples in the United States are using the America First Committee to spread Fascist and Nazi propaganda.

Information received from a confidential source discloses that on February 4, 1941, Paul von Gontard entertained John Wheeler and his wife Helene Albright Wheeler, the son and daughter-in-law of Senator Wheeler. During the course of the conversation at the party, Mrs. Wheeler stated while attacking the contemplated Lend Lease Bill, also opposed by the America First Committee, that the "only way we can be safe is to see the pins knocked out from under Britain." The informant who furnished this information stated that such a remark indicated that she had become imbued with pro-German sentiment because of her association with various individuals, including Dr. Adolph Spreckles, Miss Josephine Alderman, and one Hans Wolfram, all of whom are suspected of German espionage. It will be noted that Hans Wolfram has done publicity work for the German Embassy. (S-1)(C) u

At this party Mr. Paul von Gontard who is also suspected of German espionage displayed a cashier check for \$2,000 drawn on a St. Louis, Missouri bank, which he turned over to Mr. John Wheeler as a contribution to the America First Committee. (b2)

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Information has been received that the America First Committee has caustically criticized the William Allen White Committee. The America First Committee is reported as attempting to secure the support of any and all organizations including the Coughlinite Social Justice Group. The news vendors of Coughlin's Social Justice in New York City appeared upon the streets displaying America First Committee buttons. (100-4712-5X)

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The financial support of the America First Committee seemingly evolves from voluntary contributions and in connection with the financing of this Committee attention is directed to the financial positions held by:

General Robert E. Wood  
R. Douglas Stuart, Jr.  
J. Sanford Olin  
Sanford MacMider  
General Thomas Hammond  
J. C. Norval  
Clay Jackson  
Wm. R. Castle  
Henry Ford  
Alice Roosevelt Longworth  
Thomas W. McCarter

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Information received from Edwin S. Webster, General Secretary of America First Committee, 49 East 53 Street, New York City discloses that a New York Chapter of this Committee has between 15,000 and 20,000 members. Webster claims that none but an American citizen can become a member of this Committee. (100-4712-21)

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A leaflet distributed in February, 1941, by the German American National Alliance urged the recipient of the leaflet to write to two senators advocating the defeat of the Lend Lease Bill and to send financial contributions to the America First Committee. (61-10498-444)

On February 25, 1941, the Chicago Tribune carried an article relating that the America First Committee had assigned speakers to cover down-state communities in Illinois for the purpose of creating opposition to the Administration Bill. It was stated that Walter F. Boye who, during the summer of 1938, had toured the German Reich and who had returned to the United States with glowing accounts of Nazi accomplishments and praise of

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Hitler's ideology was one of these speakers. It was indicated that Boye's line of argument in his speaking tour would take the form of "placing such terrific power in the President's hands." (100-0-5003)

The Philadelphia Ledger for April 22, 1941, carried an article stating that the National Legion of Mothers and Women of America contemplated inviting women associated with the Kyffhaeuser Bund into its membership. Mrs. Edith Scott of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania whose organization is affiliated with the America First Committee said the invitation was under consideration by her group.

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In the April 14, 1941 issue of the Staten Island Advance an article appeared stating that Howard I. Jump, son of Mrs. Lila Jump, head of the Staten Island unit of the America First Committee, had failed to report for induction as ordered by the local draft board and had been given a formal notice giving him five days in which to change his mind. Jump, twice before, was refused deferment by his local draft board; once on a medical deficiency claim and again on an occupational claim. (100-4712-30X1)

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The News Letter of Los Angeles, California for April 9, 1941, carried an article concerning the America First Committee meeting held at Los Angeles, California, which was addressed by Mrs. Catherine Curtis and Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota. This article related that Mrs. Curtis' experience in rabble rousing is so comprehensive that she might easily qualify as "the top notcher of the petticoat platoon." It was she who founded the Women's National Committee for Hands Off the Supreme Court. She also was active in organizing the Women Investors in America, Incorporated, which organizations make their headquarters at 535 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York. (100-4712-38)

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The Washington Times Herald for May 26, 1941, reported that the America First Committee together with the Committee Against War and the Keep America Out of War Congress had made plans for a three-day rally commencing May 30, 1941. The two latter groups are reported to contain a number of Socialists in their ranks. (100-10689-A)

Information received on May 26, 1941, reveals that united German societies held a meeting at the New York Turn Hall at which time the meeting was addressed by Dr. Fleischman, a member of the America First Committee. (61-9879-268)

The activity of the America First Committee reached its peak during the period when it exerted its complete effort to the end of blocking the Lend Lease Bill sponsored by the administration. Thousands of pieces of literature were distributed; numerous meetings were held in the metropolitan areas and the people all over the nation were incited to petition their national representatives to block the passage of this legislation. (100-4712-16)

Two of the largest meetings sponsored by this Committee during that period were held at New York City on May 23, 1941, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on May 29, 1941, at which meetings approximately 20,000 people attended. Senator Burton Wheeler of Montana, Charles A. Lindbergh, Kathleen Norris and Norman Thomas were the headline speakers at these meetings. The texts of the speeches delivered were concerned with deriding the administration's foreign policy, especially the Lend Lease Bill, which they emphatically criticized as an active step towards entrance of the United States into the European conflict. (100-4712-58-71)

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Information reported on June 10, 1941, indicates that the America First Committee is supplying the financial support for the publication "Uncensored," which is published by the Keep America Out of War Congress, which organization reportedly contains a number of Socialists in its membership.

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Information received as of July 28, 1941, discloses that Newton Dillaway of Reading, Massachusetts received numerous communications from the German Library of Information addressed to him as Newton Sillaway, and that after this organization was closed he began to receive literature from the America First Committee addressed to him in the same manner, that is, the same mistake with the spelling of his name, and the stencil printing on the literature received from the America First Committee was identical with that received from the German Library of Information. (100-4712-109)

Information received as of August 7, 1941, disclosed that the American War Committee has a Colored Section headed by J. Finley Wilson, Chairman, and Perry W. Howard, Secretary, with national headquarters at 613 F Street, North West, Washington, D. C. This organization is reported to have distributed literature in colored circles requesting the colored population to petition their national representatives to discourage the United States from entering the European war. (100-4712-112)

Other nationally known figures who have affiliated themselves with the America First Committee are Senator David I. Walsh, Congressman Hamilton Fish, Congressman James Francis O'Connor, Congressman Dewey Short, former Governor Philip LaFollette, and Robert Hutchins, President of the University of Chicago.

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The Honorable  
The Secretary of the Navy  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Pursuant to your recent request of Mr. Tamm of my office, I am pleased to transmit herewith copy of a memorandum which summarizes available data relative to the America First Committee. I trust that this material will be of some interest and value to you in connection with your study of the activities of this organization.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Foxworth \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Drayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

There is attached a blind memorandum contain-  
ing information in our files with respect to The  
America First Committee. This is furnished in accord-  
ance with your request.

Respectfully,

*R. P. Kramer*  
R. P. Kramer

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R E S O L U T I O N

- WHEREAS, our Country is going through a period of National crisis with a tremendous responsibility and burdens untold placed on the shoulders of our beloved President Franklin D. Roosevelt, and
- WHEREAS, the American Federation of Labor has pledged full cooperation to our President in his recent speech to the citizens of this Country and the world at large, and
- WHEREAS, complete unity of all loyal Americans is vitally essential during these critical times, and
- WHEREAS, attempts are being made by certain so called Isolationists to divide the American people by anti-semitism speeches and every other kind of misleading, contemptible, untrue and unAmerican statements for reasons best known to themselves; but which in our opinion are for the purpose of bringing about a condition of class and religious hatred between the citizens of our country, which if successful may seriously effect the program and policy of our government in protecting the freedom of our people, therefore be it
- RESOLVED, that the Grays Harbor County Central Labor Council in regular meeting assembled this 19th day of September, 1941, go on record condemning the recent speeches and activities of Charles Lindberg, Senator Wheeler and other so called Isolationists, and be it further
- RESOLVED, that we ask the Federal Bureau of Investigation to make a complete and thorough investigation of the aims and objects of the America First Committee and of Charles Lindberg.

Respectfully submitted by your  
Resolution Committee

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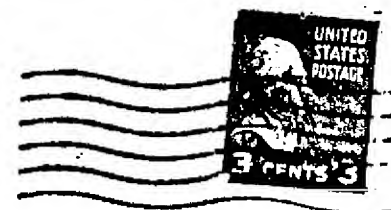
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Grays Harbor County  
Central Labor Union  
Box 509  
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Dear Sir:

I desire to acknowledge receipt of the Resolution of the Grays Harbor County Central Labor Council signed by you and bearing the names of [REDACTED]

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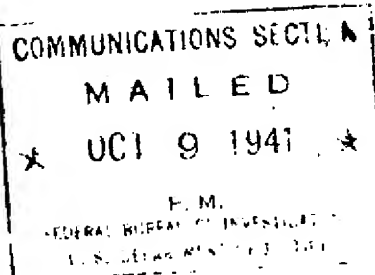
Please be advised that the content of your Resolution has been carefully noted and made a matter of permanent record in the official files of this Bureau for such future reference as may be deemed appropriate.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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September 28, 1941

Mr. Walter Winchell  
c/o New York Daily Mirror  
New York City

Dear Walter:

Sorry I can't see you in person, but I know you are very busy. Do here goes. Do you remember in our time in show business [redacted] he's a comic. He told me that his friend, either a world war veteran or American Legion man who lived in Butte, Montana witnessed something very interesting.

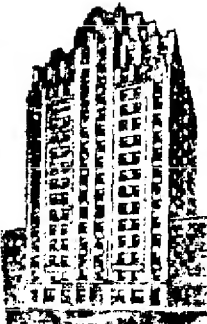
While there, he attended a dinner given by either a Bund or some German society to Senator Wheeler at Butte, and that he was one of the guests. At the conclusion of the dinner, everybody stood up and gave three "Heil Hitler" cheers and salute, and right in front doing the same very nicely, was Wheeler.

Walter, if this is true, which I'm sure it is, and can be checked, it's a great feather in your cap to expose that rat. What I'd suggest is to get in touch with [redacted] and in turn have him get in touch with his friend. If it sounds good, you can check on it from Butte some way and the rest is easy.

I can get in touch with [redacted] and assure you I will be happy to work with you on this case just for the asking, so if you care to have me start the proceedings, just call on me and I'll do all I can to bring this thing to a head.

Best wishes and lots of good luck. With kind regards

Sincerely,



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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Newark, New Jersey

October 3, 1941

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:

On September 23, 1941, Mr. THOMAS GREGORY, of the America First Committee, Commerce Street, Newark, New Jersey, called at this office suggesting that the Bureau have some agents present at a meeting being held on that same date, September 23, 1941, at Newark, New Jersey, at which Senator GERALD P. NYE was to be the principal speaker.

Mr. GREGORY was advised by Special Agent (A) [REDACTED] that the Bureau had no jurisdiction in the matter of providing protectors or maintaining order at such meetings, and that such protection and order as was necessary should be handled by the local police. Mr. GREGORY then suggested that the Bureau would probably like to have agents present more or less as observers to see exactly what was going on. He suggested that having observers present might be to the benefit of the Bureau in that if any so-called Nazis were present the Bureau might like to observe this firsthand. Agent [REDACTED] again pointed out that this was a matter in which the Bureau did not have jurisdiction and that no agent would be present to furnish protection, maintain order or observe.

The above is being furnished for your information.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

RE: 0 AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE  
MEETING AT OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM,  
Los Angeles, California,  
October 2, 1941.

Dear Sir:

As you were previously advised, Attorney General FRANCIS BIDDLE requested me, when on the West Coast, to have the meeting of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE at which Senator BURTON K. WHEELER was to speak in Los Angeles, attended for the purpose of furnishing him with a report.

This meeting was held at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles at 8:00 p.m., October 2, 1941, and the auditorium was filled to capacity. There was an estimated attendance of slightly over 8,000.

The hall was well-decorated with American flags, bunting, and various signs bearing slogans such as "NO A.E.F.," and "Keep Our Factories Humming for National Defense, But Keep Our Boys in the United States." While the auditorium was being filled, community singing was engaged in, and at 8:10 p.m., Senator WHEELER and his party, including a woman dressed in a costume as the Statue of Liberty and an Indian in full costume including a feathered head dress, mounted the speaker's platform. From the ovation extended the Senator at that time, it was obvious that the audience was very sympathetic and friendly towards the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and Senator WHEELER. At this time the crowd rose to its feet and afforded the senator a demonstrative reception. There was applauding, screaming, and much waving of handkerchiefs then and at various other times during the meeting. There was a vocal number of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE song and the song of the Gold Star Mothers of America, both of these following the playing of the national anthem.

The first speaker was Attorney JOSEPH SCOTT, who made an appeal for funds, and he based this appeal upon the following story: He stated that when he was a young man, his

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grandmother had presented him with a Liberty Bond, stating it to be a token that the last World War was one waged for righteousness and it was her investment in his future, made in the hope that he could live in a peaceful, free, and democratic world. After the Treaty of Versailles, his grandmother stated to him that she had been deluded, and that the treaty was one which would only lead to more wars. He continued by stating the Government, in order to pay the bond and its indebtedness, which is evidenced by the bond, actually taxed him in order to pay the debt which was due him.

He stated, therefore, that the collection which would be taken up that evening was an investment, and that the cost of any future war would assume staggering proportions in so far as it would relate to any individual. He added that any money which was contributed might well be regarded as an investment to protect the people against future greater debts. It was his opinion that the minimum cost per citizen--should we enter this war--would be \$2,000, and approximately \$7,000 per bread-winner. At this time the ushers passed up and down the aisles taking a collection. It is not known at this time how much was obtained.

Senator WHEELER was introduced by JOHN STEVEN  
X McGROARTY, who referred to the senator as a lifelong friend.  
McGROARTY is referred to as the poet laureate of California, and was at one time a member of the United States Congress.

The theme of Senator WHEELER'S speech was concerning the fact that there are many people in America today who were against this country's entry into any war, but were afraid to speak. He is too frequently met with the response, "We Are in business," meaning that people were not in a position to express their views as they were in business and were actually against entry into war but were afraid to express their opinions. He stated he was unalterably opposed to America's entry into any foreign war and was now trying to force the President to keep the promises made to the American people when he was seeking their votes to re-elect him to a third term. He quoted President ROOSEVELT'S speeches to the effect that he, President ROOSEVELT, was

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against war, and he defined war as meaning "shooting." He also quoted President ROOSEVELT'S pledge that American boys would never be sent outside of the Western Hemisphere. He then stated that President ROOSEVELT had broken these pledges inasmuch as he had ordered the American Navy to shoot and also that he had occupied Iceland after consulting the Parliament of Iceland without consulting the Congress of the United States, and that he had stationed American soldiers in Iceland under command of British officers. He added that Iceland is situated in the Eastern Hemisphere and that "Not even a magician like WENDELL L. WILLKIE could bring it back into the Western Hemisphere."

Senator WHEELER launched an attack upon President ROOSEVELT'S statement that religious freedom in Russia is the same as in America. He quoted figures as to the number of priests, bishops, and other clergymen who had been killed by Communist overlords, and then gave as his source for these figures the title of a book, volume, and page number, the book being one written by WINSTON CHURCHILL. This statement was met with wild applause and enthusiastic cheering.

He then stated that from this fact, it might well be assumed that American soldiers would shortly be fighting side by side with Communist soldiers for the protection and preservation of Communist Russia. During the course of the speech, Senator WHEELER also stated he was against Nazi oppression and mentioned a tour he had made through Germany and the persecution he had witnessed there.

He referred to the present cooperation between England and Russia, and stated it was an "Unholy Alliance." The Senator launched an attack against the motion picture industry, and stated that the people in attendance at this meeting had not been attracted by glamorous movie stars, Bingo, bank night, and so forth. He attacked the industry as spreading war propaganda and stated that in years to come, the motion picture industry would t... Benedict Arnold if America gets involved in the present war. He stated the industry was attempting to build up a war spirit, resulting in active participation in the war. In speaking of the motion picture industry, he referred to the stand which

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is being taken towards the Jewish race, adding that this is the reason this industry is putting forth every effort by way of propaganda pictures. He stated Jewish refugees have come to this country and are presently being feted and living in luxury and attempting to have the United States fight the war for them and for their cause. He criticized the regiment of British actors who are serving the present war from Hollywood Boulevard, and stated he was aware that not all of the producers were engaged in war propaganda, adding that the Senate investigation is directed against those who are.

During his talk, the senator stated that he was not anti-British, that he greatly admired the British people for being smart people, and he always admired smart people. He sarcastically outlined the role played by Great Britain during the last war, stating that that nation first requested America for money, which was furnished; then they requested a small token army to boost the morale of the allies, and a token army was given, which was followed by the A.E.F. He stated we did this because the smart people in England had told America it was fighting her war. He stated that when the war was over and after many of the men sent over failed to return, when America tried to collect her war debt, the smart people of England characterized America as "Uncle Shylock."

He then drew a parallel in present day events in the Lend-Lease Bill and the transfer of bombers and ships, and stated that shortly the President was contemplating introducing a bill authorizing the arming of American merchant ships. He stated that prior to the last war, a bill authorizing the arming of merchant ships was passed, and 21 days later America was in war.

The senator did not refer to Germany and Italy to any extent, only stating that the world has no room for dictators and dictatorships, and that Americans will continue to live in a democracy by supplying England with materials to carry on her war against the Rome-Berlin Axis.

He also mentioned CHARLES ~~L~~LINDBERGH as being a true and loyal American citizen who puts heritage above all, and he is being supported by all real Americans. This statement was received

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RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING AT  
OLYMPIC AUDITORIUM, Los Angeles,  
California, October 2, 1941.

with great enthusiasm by the audience.

The meeting was generally orderly, with only two incidents being noted by the observers. Upon launching his attack against the movie industry, one person in the audience rose and called Senator WHEELER a liar. It was a minor disturbance, and this individual was ejected by the police. A middle-aged woman stalked down the aisle on the main floor of the auditorium to inspect the Indian at close range, stating she did not believe he was a real Indian. There was no violence with this incident, and the entire thing was greeted with laughter by the audience.

In general, the audience was very attentive and receptive, and the speaker most loudly when he referred to statements about keeping America out of the present war and keeping American boys at home. Although his accusations against the President of not keeping his 1940 campaign promises, and his jests of WENDELL L. WILLKIE drew applause from the audience, at no time was there hissing or booing at the mention of the name of the President or that of WENDELL L. WILLKIE. Before, during, and after the meeting, pamphlets and papers were passed out and copies of two of them are being attached to this communication. The Los Angeles press reports that 11,000 persons were in attendance at the meeting.

Very truly yours,



R. B. HOOD  
Special Agent in Charge

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Major General Edwin M. Watson  
Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Dear General Watson:

Information has been received to the effect that the above Committee held a rally at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles, California, on October 2, 1941, which rally was attended by an estimated audience of between 8,000 and 11,000 persons.

It is reported that the walls of the auditorium were decorated with American flags and various signs bearing slogans such as "No A.E.F." and "Keep our Factories Humming for National Defense, But Keep our Boys in the United States."

It is further reported that when Senator Wheeler and his party mounted the Speakers' Platform, the crowd rose to its feet and afforded the Senator a demonstrative reception. There was applauding, screaming, and waving of handkerchiefs. It is stated that the ovation extended to the Senator at this time by the audience made it apparent that it was very sympathetic and friendly toward the America First Committee and Senator Wheeler.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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It is stated that Senator Wheeler was introduced by John Steven McGroarty, who referred to the Senator as a lifelong friend. McGroarty is alleged to have been at one time a member of the United States Congress.

It is stated that the theme of Senator Wheeler's speech was concerning the fact that there are many people in America today who are against this country's entry into the present war who are afraid to speak. He is alleged to have stated that he unalterably is opposed to America's entry into any foreign war and is now trying to force the President to keep his promises made to the American people when he was seeking their votes to an election to a third term. It is reported that he quoted President Roosevelt's speeches to the effect that he, President Roosevelt, was against war and that he defined war as "shooting." Further, that he quoted President Roosevelt's pledge that American boys would never be sent outside of the Western Hemisphere. He is alleged to have stated that President Roosevelt has broken these pledges, inasmuch as he has ordered the American Navy to shoot and that he stationed American soldiers in Iceland after consulting the Parliament of Iceland, without consulting the Congress of the United States. It is stated that he added that Iceland is situated in the Eastern Hemisphere, and that "not even a magician like Wendell L. Willkie could bring it back into the Western Hemisphere."

Senator Wheeler is reported to have launched an attack upon the alleged statement of the President that religious freedom in Russia is the same as in America. It is stated that he quoted figures as to the number of priests, bishops and other clergymen who had been killed by Communist overlords, and gave as a source

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for these figures the title of a book, volume and page number, which book is reported to have been written by Winston Churchill. It is alleged that this statement by Senator Wheeler was met with wild applause and enthusiastic cheering. He is reported to have stated that the President was contemplating introducing a bill authorizing the arming of American merchant ships. Further, that prior to the last war a bill authorizing the arming of merchant ships was passed and 21 days later America was in war.

Senator Wheeler is alleged to have referred to the present cooperation between England and Russia, and stated that it was an "Unholy Alliance." He is reported to have launched an attack against the motion picture industry, and stated that the people in attendance at this meeting had not been attracted by glamorous movie stars, bingo, bank night, etc. He is reported to have attacked this industry as spreading war propaganda, and stated that in years to come the motion picture industry would be known as a "Benedict Arnold" if America becomes involved in the present war. It is reported that the Senator during his speech sarcastically outlined the role played by Great Britain during the last war, and commented on the fact that the English people characterized America as "Uncle Shylock." It is stated that he drew a parallel to present day events.

Senator Wheeler is alleged to have mentioned Charles Lindbergh as being a true and loyal American citizen who puts heritage above all, and who is being supported by all real Americans. This statement is alleged to have been received with great enthusiasm by the audience.

It is reported that the meeting was generally

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Major General Edwin M. Watson

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orderly, with one exception. This incident is stated to have taken place during the time that the Senator was launching his attack against the motion picture industry. It is said that on this occasion one person in the audience rose and called the Senator "a liar."

It is reported that in general the audience was very attentive, receptive, and applauded the speaker most loudly when he made statements relative to keeping America out of the present war and keeping American boys at home. It is stated that his accusations against President Roosevelt for not keeping his 1940 campaign promises and his jests concerning Wendell L. Willkie drew applause from the audience, but at no time was there any action that would reflect disregard at the mention of President Roosevelt's or Wendell Willkie's name.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

CC: Mr. E. A. Tamm  
CC: Mr. D. M. Ladd

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

In accordance with your recent request that an Agent of this Bureau attend the America First rally to be held in Los Angeles, California, on October 2, 1941, for the purpose of ascertaining the size of the audience and its reactions to Senator Wheeler's statements, the following is being furnished:

The meeting was held at the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles at 8:00 P.M., October 2, 1941, at which time this auditorium was filled to capacity. There was an estimated attendance of between eight and eleven thousand persons.

The walls of the auditorium were decorated with American flags and various signs bearing slogans such as "No A.E.F." and "Keep our Factories Humming for National Defense, But Keep our Boys in the United States."

When Senator Wheeler and his party mounted the Speakers' Platform, the crowd rose to its feet and afforded the Senator a demonstrative reception. There was applauding, screaming, and waving of handkerchiefs. It was apparent from the ovation extended to the Senator at that time that the audience was very sympathetic and friendly toward the America First Committee and Senator Wheeler.

The first speaker was Attorney Joseph Scott, who made an appeal for funds for the instant organization. He based his appeal for funds on a comparison between the purchasing of Liberty Bonds during the last war as an investment in the future and the giving to the America First Committee as a present investment in the future. Subsequent to Mr. Scott's speech, a collection was taken and it is not known at this time how much was obtained.

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Senator Wheeler was introduced by John Steven McGroarty, who referred to the Senator as a lifelong friend. McGroarty is referred to as the poet laureate of California and was at one time a member of the United States Congress.

The theme of Senator Wheeler's speech was concerning the fact that there are many people in America today who are against this country's entry into any war but are afraid to speak. He stated that he too frequently meets with the response, "We are in business", meaning that people are not in a position to express their views as they are in business and are actually against entry into war but are afraid to express their opinions. He stated that he unalterably is opposed to America's entry into any foreign war and was now trying to force the President to keep the promises made to the American people when he was seeking their votes for re-election to a third term. He quoted President Roosevelt's speeches to the effect that he, President Roosevelt, was against war and that he defined war as meaning "shooting". He also quoted President Roosevelt's pledge that American boys would never be sent outside of the Western Hemisphere. He then stated that President Roosevelt had broken these pledges inasmuch as he had ordered the American Navy to shoot and also that he had occupied Iceland after consulting the Parliament of Iceland without consulting the Congress of the United States. He stated that President Roosevelt had stationed American soldiers in Iceland under the command of British officers. He added that Iceland is situated in the Eastern Hemisphere and that "Not even a magician like Wendell L. Willkie could bring it back into the Western Hemisphere."

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Senator Wheeler mentioned Charles Lindbergh as being a true and loyal American citizen who puts heritage above all, and one who is being supported by all real Americans. This statement was received with great enthusiasm by the audience.

The meeting was generally orderly with one exception. This incident took place during the time that the Senator was launching his attack against the moving picture industry. On this occasion one person in the audience rose and called Senator Wheeler "a liar". This, however, was a minor disturbance and this individual was quickly removed by the police.

In general the audience was very attentive, receptive, and applauded the speaker most loudly when he made statements relative to keeping America out of the present war and keeping American boys at home. His accusations against President Roosevelt for not keeping his 1940 campaign promises and his jests concerning Wendell L. Willkie drew applause from the audience but at no time was there any hissing or booing at the mention of President Roosevelt's or Wendell Willkie's name. Before, during, and after the meeting, pamphlets were passed out, two of which were obtained and are being transmitted herewith.

Respectfully,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosure

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My dear Admiral Land:

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I wish to advise for your information and whatever  
consideration deemed appropriate that this Bureau is in receipt  
of data from an outside confidential source that [redacted] is  
reportedly sympathetic towards Hitler. He has been described as  
thinking "Adolph Hitler is absolutely O. K." (S-1) (X) b7c

It has been further reported that [redacted] recently  
brought a quantity of isolationist propaganda to Chile. (S-1) (X)

Our informant advises that the data was received  
from an unknown source.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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In reply refer to  
FO 800.20211 America First Committee/15

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The Department of State transmits to the following  
the attached information in the hope that it will be of  
value:

Military Intelligence Division  
Office of Naval Intelligence  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Enclosure:

Copy of strictly confidential despatch no. 1810,  
dated September 9, 1941, from the American Embassy,  
Santiago, subject: America First Committee propa-  
ganda allegedly brought to Chile by

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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No. 1810

Santiago, Chile, September 9, 1941.

Subject: America First Committee propaganda allegedly  
brought to Chile by [REDACTED] b7c

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to transcribe below an extract from a letter to the Embassy from the Consul at Valparaiso reporting information received from an unnamed source alleging that a quantity of America First Committee and similar isolationist propaganda has been brought to Chile by [REDACTED]

"I have to report that I was recently informed by a contact believed to be reasonably reliable that [REDACTED] an American, [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] brought a large amount of propaganda issued by the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE and other similar organizations. The Consulate's contact says that he has been a "friend of [REDACTED] for many years but on account of his political sympathies he has not been in touch with him during the last trip or two of [REDACTED] He further said that [REDACTED] "thinks that Adolf Hitler is absolutely O.K".

Respectfully yours,  
[REDACTED]

820.02  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Record of Telephone Call or Visitor

September 27, 1941

Time 11:25 am

Name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Referred to \_\_\_\_\_

Details:

Then advised the Director was out of the city, [REDACTED] asked to speak to the Assistant in Charge. The call was transferred to Mr. Ladd.

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Mr. Ladd advises [REDACTED] told him anytime the FBI Agents wish any information contained in the files of the American First Committee, if the Agents will contact her she will be glad to give them such information.

[REDACTED] expressed her dislike for the tactics used by the Department in the recent incident concerning these files, and told Mr. Ladd she knew no FBI men would use similar tactics.

Mr. Ladd will dictate a memorandum on this call

for

cc - Mr. Foxworth

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September 12, 1941

MR. KRAMER

RE: AMERICA FIRST, INC.  
 National Office - 141 W. Jackson  
 Blvd., Chicago, Illinois  
New York Office - 515 Madison Ave.

The following information concerning the above organization was obtained from an outside unknown source dated at New York, New York, on August 4, 1941.

This organization was originally planned by R. Douglas Stuart, Jr., 24 year old law school senior in 1940 at Yale University. He is the son of the first vice president of the Quaker Oats Company. The first person contacted when the committee was formed was Col. Lindbergh, and another was Earl Browder. These people met with Stuart and later on General Robert Wood, head of Sears-Roebuck Company, Edward E. Byrnes, a director of Inland Steel; Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, a wealthy woman; and Chester Bowles, chairman of Benton and Bowles, an advertising agency, made up the picture. Soon William Castle, Under-Secretary of State in the Hoover Cabinet and the original master mind behind Lindbergh was added, then Senator Wheeler and Senator Bob Taft. At the very start this organization had a tremendous amount of money on hand, despite the claim that they never accept more than \$1,000 from any one person.

In the East, Thomas M. McCarter, former chairman of the Public Service Company of New Jersey, is one of the leaders, and he is said to be the contact man for Joe Pew, the millionaire Republican leader of Pennsylvania.

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Henry Ford and Jay C. Hornell are members of the Committee. Kathryn Lewis, the daughter of John Lewis, is one of the active members, and for the Catholic element we find John T. Flynn, Reverend Father Coughlin, and John O'Connor. Other members are General Hugh S. Johnson, Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Amos R. Pinchot and Louis T. Taber.

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Secretly there was a tremendous Jewish group backing the America First until just recently. This Jewish group had as its front the Guggenheim Foundation, and the committee was quietly subsidized for tremendous sums of money. The Guggenheim interest has always fronted for Lindberg, but a few weeks ago the Jewish group withdrew all financial support. A number of the members of the committee quietly withdrew or became inactive. This was due to three reasons.

1. America First was set up because of the hatred for President Roosevelt and the purpose was to do everything possible to embarrass him in every way possible.
2. Mrs. Wheeler, the wife of the Senator, is bitterly anti-Semitic. She is a stock-holder of the Chicago Tribune, and Col. McCormick, the Tribune's owner, has as his man Harry Jung, head of the American Vigilante Intelligence Federation, who is also strongly pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic. It is alleged that Mrs. Wheeler, Harry Jung and Col. McCormick are using America First as a sounding board for anti-Jewish propaganda. In connection with this, Father Charles E. Coughlin of Detroit and the Christian Front Organization have just recently been officially welcomed into America First by Col. Wood, another stock-holder of the Chicago Tribune.
3. America First has a lobby strictly anti-Roosevelt at Washington. This lobby is comprised of William Castle, Alice Longworth, John L. Lewis and General Hugh S. Johnson. Each and every one of these are bitter enemies of the President.

This group had to figure a way to reach at the President through probably the most bitter attacks in the history of the world. The Hatch would not permit large political contributions to the campaign funds, so this organization, America First, has as its base enemy President Roosevelt, and consequently anything he attempts, no matter what it concerns in regard to war and Britain, will be attacked by America First.

In other words, this organization which is cooperating with every branch of anti-war groups, such as the I.R.A., Christian Front, anti-British, Catholic groups, and every pacifist group in the country, make it an organization that will always have to be watched.

From the Communist angle, William Castle has on his payroll William Sanger, a former Communist Stalin School graduate. Sanger now receives \$250 a month and is located at Washington.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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When the present Pope who then was Papal Secretary, was in the United States on a visit, he confided to certain members of the church that he thought that the American priests, outside of the Irish, were a lazy lot. Since then a peculiar thing happened that makes one consider. Cardinal Dougherty of Boston severely criticized Father Coughlin and tried to have him removed. Cardinal Dougherty went to Rome on the matter. In the meantime, Coughlin started an attack on the Jews and the British, and he was only mildly chastised for his actions, and ever since he has been on the war-path now that the Irish groups in the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus have become very bitter and active against Britain and Roosevelt, and no one is saying a thing to them. They are running wild, and ex-Congressman John O'Connor, one of the most staunch friends of the I.R.A., has been acting as attorney for Coughlin's organization, the National Union for Social Justice.

The America First has a great fortune back of it. Among the moneyed people are General Wood, Mrs. Jeanette Ayer Fairbanks, Frank O. Lowden, Thomas H. McCarter, Edward L. Ryerson, and Pew who controls the Sun Oil Company.

Respectfully,

K. E. McIntire

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Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

September 20, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There is transmitted herewith a memorandum dated September 20, 1941, concerning the America First Committee, in which I think you will be interested.

This memorandum has also been submitted to Major General Edwin M. Watson, Secretary to the President, The White House, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

cc - Mr. E. A. Tamm

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

For your information, I am quoting below the contents  
of an anonymous communication recently received in this office.

"On Wednesday evening, August 27, 1941, at a  
meeting in Redford High School, Redford,  
Michigan, to organize a new chapter of the  
America First Committee in Redford, Mr. Vietig,  
executive secretary for Michigan, said, among  
other things:

No matter what the United States law is on the  
subject "Don't allow your rifle or shotgun to  
be taken from you under any pretext from now  
on.....And the aliens and alien philosophies  
who run the government had better not try to  
take the hunter's guns from them. Don't let  
your guns leave your hands.....And keep them  
well oiled and ready for use, like all good  
hunter's do".

(We thought you ought to know)."

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P. E. FOXWORTH  
Assistant Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice**

San Francisco, California  
October 1, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G and I

Dear Sir:

For the information of the Bureau and the offices receiving copies of this letter, the following information was obtained from "The Herald of the America First Committee of Northern California" issue of September 4, 1941, with reference to the division headquarters of the America First Committee in the West, together with regional directors:

San Francisco, California: 507 Mission Street, Telephone Garfield 7545; JOHN J. TAHENY, Regional Director; RAIMUND B. WURLITZER, executive secretary.

Los Angeles, California: 3142 Wilshire Blvd.; JOHN L. CHEELER, Regional Director.

Palo Alto, California: 444 University Avenue; ELMER T. BENNETT, Director.

San Diego, California: 530 Broadway; JAMES B. ABBEY, Director.

San Monica, California: Post Office Box 748, A. E. BURTON, Director.

Fresno, California: 1104 Pacific Southwest Bldg., Miss VALERIE MCNITT, Director.

Tucson, Arizona: Post Office Box 1629, Mrs. GERALD JONES, Regional Director. EX-14

Phoenix, Arizona: Route 6, Box 1021, FRANK H. Regional Director.

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Glendale, Arizona: Route 1, Box 768; Mrs. B. F.  
~~REICHENBERGER~~, Regional Director.

✓ Denver, Colorado: 637 Eighteenth Street; ARTHUR  
~~BROOKS~~, Jr., Regional Director.

Salida, Colorado: WILLIAM B. ~~RUSH~~, Regional Director.

Boulder, Colorado: Room 12, Court House; FRANKLIN  
~~R. STEART~~, Director.

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1 Caldwell, Idaho: 1915 Dearborn Street; Mrs. VERA  
~~FLORY~~, Director.

Leonia, Idaho: America First Committee: FRANCIS  
W. ~~MCCORMICK~~, Director.

Boise, Idaho: 308 McCarty Bldg.; Justice ROBERT  
~~ADAMS~~, Regional Director.

Butte, Montana: 231 East Granite Street, Miss  
MARGARET ~~LOUGHRIN~~, Director.

Billings, Montana: National Bonds, Inc.; HARRY  
~~MILLER~~, Director.

Albuquerque, New Mexico: 1309 East Coal Avenue;  
Mrs. AMY P. ~~HUNT~~, Regional Director.

✓ Encin, New Mexico: P. O. Box 91; A. H. ~~WILLIAMS~~,  
Director.

Portland, Oregon: 728 Failing Bldg., DELLMORE  
~~LESSARD~~, Regional Director.

McMinnville, Oregon: Masonic Bldg., Dr. E. J.  
~~FAGAN~~, Director.

Director from San Francisco

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October 1, 1941

re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dallas, Texas: (State Headquarters) Box 832; ~~RICHARD~~  
~~JEFFREY~~, Regional Director.

Houston, Texas: 1816 Banks Street; W. F. ~~DIXON~~, Dir-  
ector.

Salt Lake City, Utah: 25 East First Street South, Miss  
~~LOUISE FIFE~~, Regional Director.

Logan, Utah: 296 North Sixth Street East; ~~NORLAN~~  
~~CHRISTENSEN~~, Director.

Seattle, Washington: 300 Insurance Bldg., F. H. ~~SURRY~~,  
Regional Director.

Spokane, Washington: West 2107 Jackson Avenue, Mrs. A.  
~~E. JACOBS~~, Regional Director.

Tacoma, Washington, 214 Bankers Trust Bldg.; MRS. ROBERT  
~~LEA~~, Director.

Hoquiam, Washington; Box 71; Mrs. ~~ELIZABETH BLATTNER~~,  
Director.

Olympia, Washington: 1500 South Water Street, Hon. OTTO  
~~A. CASE~~, Director.

Very truly yours,

*N. J. L. Pieper*

N. J. L. PIEPER *(N)*  
Special Agent in Charge

AVT:MR  
100-3325

cc Los Angeles (2)	cc El Paso (2)	cc Seattle (2)
cc San Diego (2)	cc Portland (2)	cc San Antonio (2)
cc Phoenix (2)	cc Dallas (2)	
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Engle, W. O.

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Please advise me as to what  
you think

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The Charleston Gazette, Saturday, October 4, 1941.

## Wedge Seen Newest Goal of Germans

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towards Moscow and southward towards Kharkov."

Fierce battles raged all day Friday before Budenny's lines protecting Kharkov and Kursk, the Mail added, with von Rundstedt's panzers probing for weak spots in the Red front.

Simultaneously von Rundstedt launched a new attack against the Russians standing before Rostov-on-Don, north of the Sea of Azov.

But everywhere, the Mail said, the Germans are meeting with fierce resistance, with heavy tank battles involving many hundreds of tanks raging east of Dniepropetrovsk.

## Lindbergh Fears Loss of Liberties

Tells Fort Wayne Rally  
This Address 'May  
Be My Last'

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 3.—(INS)—The administration has shown by "many signs" that it may clamp down on free speech and end free government in America, Charles A. Lindbergh declared tonight in an address which he said "may be my last."

In the first speech he has given since the one in Des Moines for which he has been under fire, the aviator hinted that he believed the end of free elections was in sight.

"The time has come when we must consider even that," he said.

Lindbergh opened his address before an America First rally with the words:

"When I speak to you here in Fort Wayne tonight, I realize that it may be my last address.

### Sees Many Signs

"How much longer free speech will be possible in the United States, I do not know. But I do know that an administration which can throw this country into unde-

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as free speech ends in this country, it means that we are no longer a free people. It means that we are about to enter dictatorship and probably foreign war. It means that we will be forced to do this against the will of the people just as we have been forced into an undeclared naval war against the will of our people."

#### Dangers Sketched

Sketching the dangers he said America now faces, Lindbergh continued:

"The interventionists claim we have reached our present position by taking steps which the majority of the people approved of, and that, therefore, the will of the people has prevailed. The fact is that we have reached this position by following the false promises of the interventionists and our administration in Washington. Not one step the administration has taken in these last two years has been placed honestly before our people as a step toward war . . .

"Instead of seizing every opportunity to draw us further from the war, the president and his administration have not missed a single chance to push us closer to it. Instead of avoiding incidents of war, they have created them. Instead of following our mandate to stay out, they have, by subterfuge and dictatorial procedure, led us in.

"They have not only turned their backs on their campaign promises but they have been treating our congress more and more as the German reichstag has been treated under the Nazi regime.

"Congress, like the reichstag, is not consulted."

#### Gloomy Picture Given

Pointing to the consequences of entering the war, Lindbergh asserted that it would be necessary to turn America into an armed camp, create a military force strong enough to cross the Atlantic and invade the continent and survive a coming wave of prostration, famine and disease.

The aviator charged that administration leaders have not presented a fair picture of these consequences.

"It is essential for us to realize that what we used to call representative government, American independence and the American way of life is rapidly becoming a thing of the past," he said.

"Recently—no one will ever know the exact date—we began following a road which involved the abandonment of our most fundamental customs and traditions . . . We must face the fact that you and I and our generation have lost our American heritage. It is no longer a case of defending it. It is a case of rebuilding it."

urday, October 4, 1941.

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Slagle, West Virginia

Dear [REDACTED]

I desire to acknowledge receipt of  
your letter of October 4, 1941, with enclosure.

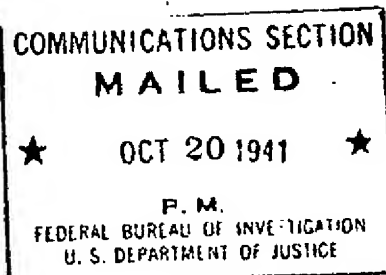
Please be advised that the content of  
your communication has been made a matter of  
permanent record in the official files of this  
Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

CT:DSS

September 24, 1941

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR**

Mr. ~~Paynter~~, of ~~OPM~~, called stating Mr. Floyd ~~Odum~~, a Division Head in OPM, connected with sub-contracting work, was desirous of securing a full membership list of America First in order that he might check such list against the names of applicants for positions. I told him the Bureau did not have a full membership list of this organization and I doubted that he would be able to secure such a list.

✓  
Clyde Tolson

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Mr. Foxworth ✓  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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San Francisco, California  
October 10, 1941

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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: 0 AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE  
INTERNAL SECURITY - G

Dear Sir:

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Very truly yours,

*N. J. L. Pieper*  
N. J. L. PIEPER (m)  
Special Agent in Charge

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# WAR IN THE MAILS

An explanation of the most  
Gigantic Direct Mail Fraud  
in the History of  
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WITH FOREIGN HERITAGE OR TIES

THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

Consulates  
Agents  
Executives  
Legislators  
Teachers  
Military Officers

German Libraries  
Ministers  
Teachers  
College Editors  
Publishers  
Cultural Leaders  
Legislators  
Columnists

German Railroads  
Travel Agents  
Hotel Executives  
Brokers  
Editors  
Military Officers  
Bankers  
Columnists  
Apprentices

German Board of Trade  
Big Advertisers  
Business Leaders  
Executives  
Exporters  
Importers  
College

"Patriotic" Organizations  
"Philosophers"  
Clergy  
Scientists  
Students  
Farmers  
Teachers  
Writers

THE MAIL ATTACK FROM WITHIN

# EXHIBIT "A"

## WAR IN THE MAILS

A brief outline of the investigation to uncover and expose the Nazi campaign of disruption through the United States mails . . . by HENRY HAKE.

Prepared for Senator Burton K. Wheeler

I have been engaged in the Direct Mail Advertising business for twenty-one years. I have consistently crusaded for more effective, efficient and honest use of the mail for selling merchandise or ideas. At present, I am the publisher of the only magazine devoted exclusively to this form of advertising.

During September of 1939, I became alarmed at the increasing use of the mails (by foreign governments) for propaganda purposes. With the assistance of my contacts around the country, we began collecting evidence of the foreign inspired mailing campaign reaching into every phase of American life . . . the home, the office, the campus, the school room, the factory, the church—and even into Congress.

In May of 1940 I published my first article denouncing the misuse of our mails by foreign governments—and I asked the Post Office for a fraud order against the German Agencies. Unfortunately, a fraud order is issued only against those who use money fraudulently by mail. There is no law to apply to those who would disrupt and wreck the United States subversive mail campaign.

Immediately after the appearance of this article, Ernst Schmitz, Manager of the German Railroads Information Office wrote a letter to my home demanding an apology and implying the possibility of a suit for libel.

I answered Schmitz in my magazine (see Exhibit A-1). Newspapers picked up the story. As a result, many persons who had never heard of the term "Direct Mail Advertising" learned about my work. They sent or brought me additional evidence. Many of these people were German Americans who love America and who have watched with growing fear the Hitler drive to disrupt our country by dividing our thinking.

Working in cooperation with many experts in advertising and investigation, we completed a composite picture of the far-flung and intricate Nazi mail campaign. This composite picture was presented to all investigating branches of the Government during the summer of 1940.

It is a matter of record that the Dies Committee called various German Agencies such as Library of Information, Railroads Information Service, American Fellowship Forum, etc.

Most of the evidence obtained can be studied by securing from the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C. a copy of Appendix Part III of Preliminary Report on totalitarian Propaganda in the United States, released by Dies Committee on un-American Activities.

So that you can have in your files the exact evidence I presented to the Dies Committee, I am enclosing four sheets of article which appeared in my magazine last July.

As a supplement to this evidence, I am attaching a photostat of a chart (Exhibit A-2) which shows the set-up of the Nazi mail campaign directed against the American Way of Life. We have actual concrete pieces of evidence to substantiate all divisions of campaign. (See Dies Report or The Reporter for July 1940.)

Briefly described, the Nazi mail attack on the United States can be divided into two main divisions:

- (1) the attack from without, and
- (2) the attack from within.

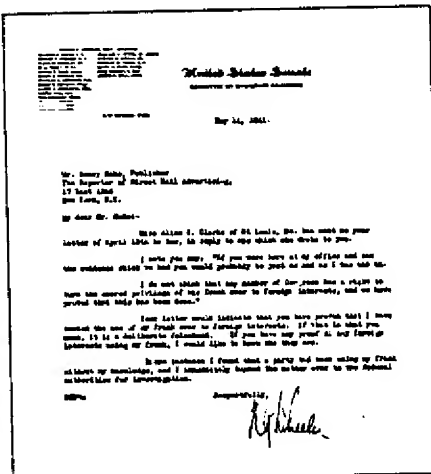
The attack from without has been directed for a number of years toward United States officials or residents with foreign heritage or ties. Purpose: to get them to work for Hitler in the disruption of America . . . on the principles which Hitler himself has voiced:

"America is permanently on the brink of revolution. It will be a simple matter for me to produce unrest and results in the United States so that these people will have their hands full with their own affairs."

"National Socialism alone is destined to liberate the American people from their ruling clique. I shall undertake this task simultaneously with the restoration of Germany to her leading position in America."

"I guarantee that at the right moment a new America will exist on our strongest supporters who we are ready to take the whole late American space."

All of this Nazi propaganda, telling German-Americans what books to read, what radio stations to listen to, how to answer



questions, how to stir up the Jewish question was delivered by U. S. Post Office free of charge under the liberal rules of the International Postal Agreements.

The attack from without has now been stopped temporarily by the action of the Post Office Department (during January 1941) in seizing and burning foreign propaganda mail on the technicality that the senders had not registered as a foreign agent. Re-entry to this mail is possible as paying necessary forms filed.

The attack from within America is directed, controlled and financed by the German Consulates . . . no longer diplomatic agencies. These German Consulates contact Bund Leaders, Agents, Business Executives, Legislators, Teachers, Military Officers. The mail attack here is limited to personal instructions and confidential bulletins to the other divisions of the propaganda set-up.

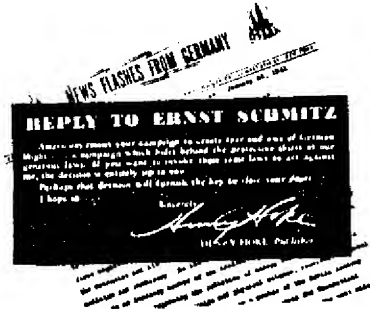
The German Library of Information issues its propaganda sheet regularly to some ninety-six thousand ministers, school teachers, editors of college papers, publishers, cultural leaders, legislators, columnists, etc. In an effort to convince leaders of thought that the Hitler system is better than our American Way of Life. This has been a constant barrage for the past six or seven years. Its effect on certain religious and student groups has been particularly noticeable.

The German Railroads Information Office sends weekly bulletins to some fifty thousand travel agencies, hotel executives, brokers, editors, military officers, bankers, divic leaders, "spies" . . . in an effort to show the successful operation of industrial life under Hitler. Behind this cloak of Direct Mail bulletins, Manager Ernst Schmitz entertains American Legion Officers, Army and Navy men, business leaders and legislators—trying to win additional adherents. In every country seized by Hitler so far, the German Railroads Information Office has been the center of spy and disruptive "cultural" propaganda activities. No exception here.

The German Board of Trade operates as an American Corporation but the men at the top are known Hitler propagandists (such as Dr. Decker, and Dr. Wuencke). They send their skillfully edited monthly magazines to big advertisers, business leaders, executives, exporters, financiers and colleges—in an effort to convince Americans that Hitler is bound to win and that "business better play ball."

The fifth division of internal propaganda activity is the most dangerous at present. The Germans have sponsored "patriotic organizations" in all defeated countries and duplicates of them are in full bloom in the United States. In this category fall all the organized and unorganized mailing activities of individuals or groups who have been "sold" that "Hitler means no harm to America"—and who participate in carrying out Hitler's scheme of "Divide and Conquer."

# EXHIBIT A—1



## A Letter To SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER

Written by Henry Hake in an answer to the Senator's inquiry of May 14th, 1941.

May 20th, 1941

Dear Senator Wheeler:

Never was a letter more welcome than yours of May 14th.

In every city where I have appeared before Civic Groups with the evidence of subversive activities in the mail, I have stated: "If hope—American life—some other member of Congress will register a complaint so that this whole mess can be thrashed out publicly."

You have answered my prayer by asking for evidence.

First: I submit exhibit marked "A" which outlines my work and my position briefly. You need that explanation in order to understand the background for my charges.

At the conclusion of Exhibit "A" you will see reference to the activities of individuals or groups within the United States. It is in this division of the Nazi scheme that the evidence you ask about appears.

I have claimed since May, 1940, that:

**MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ARE AIDING THE NAZI PLAN BY ALLOWING THE USE OF THEIR FRANKING PRIVILEGE FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF DISRUPTIVE PROPAGANDA.**

I make this claim constantly in my talks. I repeat it to you. And, I am sorry to say, Senator Wheeler, that all evidence collected forces me to include you in this wholesale unethical use of the franking privilege.

Before submitting this evidence concerning you and other members of Congress, let me emphasize that I do not care to argue with you concerning your political position. You, as an elected representative of the citizens of Montana, and you as a citizen of the United States, have a right to your own opinion (as we all have).

As I told Miss Clark in the letter she sent you, "I don't like what Senator Wheeler is doing because I think he closes his eyes to the facts." That thought still stands.

You and Senator Nye and the rest to be mentioned later, can try as you will to make this world situation sound like

an old fashioned "border dispute": you can close your eyes to the world-wide scheme to disrupt our way of life; you can speak at meetings of the America First Committee and unwittingly acknowledge the roars of the anti-American crowd in booing and hissing the President of the United States; you can stand uncomplainingly while the Nazi-packed auditorium cheers the Lindbergh line that Hitler cannot be licked. That is your privilege as an American citizen. You take your chances with the judgment of history.

Those of us on the other side of the fence simply think you are unwise and misguided in aiding the forces of disruption by openly sponsoring causes which Nazi propagandists have proclaimed so vigorously by mail.

You may have a legal right to allow the use of your franking privilege as part of the propaganda drive to divide our thinking—but there is something wrong with our laws when this franking privilege can be turned into a propagandist free-for-all at the expense of the taxpayer.

## WHAT IS FRANKING PRIVILEGE?

What is the franking privilege? It was originally intended to provide members of Congress with a means of carrying on free correspondence with constituents. It is true that the franking privilege has been generally used around election time to win votes from constituents. Surely, the early legislators did not visualize that a day would come when a Representative from a Boston district, for example, would allow his frank to be used to disseminate foreign-inspired propaganda to a national mailing list. Neither did the originators of International Postal Treaties foresee the day when an unfriendly foreign government could get its disruptive propaganda carried free by the mail carriers of the United States Post Office.

Did you know, Senator, that the postal laws provide for no penalty in case of misuse of the franking privilege? Did you know, however, that a penalty of \$300.00 is provided for each misuse of free penalty mail by the Executive Branch of the Government? Did you know that the Post Office has no recourse against members of Congress who misuse the franking privilege except to call the member personally and tell him, "please don't do it again?" Perhaps that is why members of Congress have been free and easy with the lending of their frank. No penalty!

Under the franking privilege regulation, a member of Congress may send bundles of unaddressed franked mail to one agent who may address and mail such material without payment of postage . . . but the Post Office frowns upon and usually prohibits (when discovered) the promiscuous distribution of franked mail to be addressed by unknown miscellaneous people.

And yet, we know that unaddressed franked mail under your signature and under that of former representative Nazi-minded Jacob Thorkelson of Montana has been distributed by your violent adherent Donald Shea at his anti-Semitic meetings and by Nazi-loving, Jew-baiting Joe McWilliams at Christian Front meetings. Recipients were instructed to address the franked envelopes and dump them into nearest postal box, without payment of postage.

Franked mail of other Senators and Representatives has been likewise bundled and passed out at meetings of the Bund, the America First Committee, the No Foreign War Committee and other groups of notorious reputation. This is against the letter and the spirit of the law.

How can this be possible? It is not done without the knowledge of these members of Congress—because you and every other member of Congress must sign a regulation before Public Printer Giergack will deliver the printed franked envelopes to the designated one agent provided for in postal regulations. You cannot disclaim responsibility for the unauthorized use of your frank because you alone can order and it is up to you to protect the distribution of your signature.

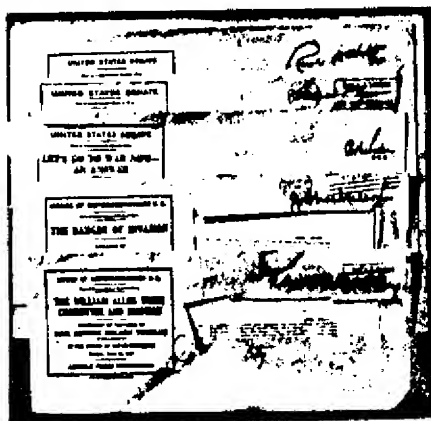
This distribution of franked unaddressed propaganda mail has reached alarming proportions. Just before his death,

the late Senator Lundeen was allowing his franked mail to be distributed in bundles to re-addressers, who in some cases caused unaddressed envelopes to be placed secretly on the desks of prominent New York executives. (Evidence in our possession.)

Can you tell me why a Senator representing the people of Minnesota should be willing and anxious to have his strangely inspired divide-opinion propaganda delivered to the citizens of New York State? Who paid the bill for this? The taxpayers help pay for the carriage through the mail. The reprints are labelled "not printed at Government expense" but you have seen the price list for reprints, at a below cost rate. Who pays for the reprints even at the below cost rate? Surely, not the Senator... out of his salary.

#### HERE IS EVIDENCE!

Now, I'll show you specific evidence:



#### EXHIBIT B

I submit picture (marked Exhibit B) which shows the franked mail received by a German-American (the name and address style being identical with that on the mailing list from Munich) during the month of December, 1940. We remove his name because he has relatives in Germany. His name is spelled identically on the pieces received from Senators Nye and Wheeler and ex-Senator Holt; and on the pieces from George Holden Tinkham and ex-Representative Thorkelson. By a strange coincidence, the pieces from Holt, Nye, Tinkham, and Thorkelson are addressed in identically the same handwriting.

Your case, the envelope is addressed with a strange old and type of stencil, which has been out of general use many years. Investigation among addressing machine manufacturers reveals that less than 25 firms in the city of New York still use this old fashioned addressing system. Less than three of those machines use the peculiar blue ink which appears on your franked envelope. So we have narrowed the search for your agent to one of the other of two. Understand that all five of these pieces were mailed in New York to a New York German-American list. Isn't that unwisely, honestly strange... coming from Senators from West Virginia, North Dakota, Montana and Representatives from Massachusetts and Montana? Why the use of the German list? And, why is the material within the envelopes reprinted from sessions of Congress dating June 12th, November 26th, August 21st, June 22nd and June 31st

(respectively... in order pictured from top down)? Could it be that this material was entered (staged) early and held for concerted action until just before the normal period of the entry of legislation for the protection of Democracy against the inroads of Hitler?

What is the material in these envelopes? You know the answer. The same old inspired stuff... "no danger from Hitler... let's not get ourselves excited at the World going to pieces... let's do everything possible to block all help to the victims of Hitler's might, etc., etc., etc." It is propaganda, of the Nazi inspired variety. It is the same kind of propaganda appearing in the German Library's "Facts in Review." It is the kind of propaganda which wins you and Senator Nye much space and praise in the German controlled press. It was carried free by the United States mail. It was mailed by some German organization or by some organization having access to and free use of THE NAZI MAILING LIST.

Do you consider this, Senator Wheeler, as a patriotic, truly American practice? Even though it may be legal, do you consider it ETHICAL for a man elected to represent the citizens of a district in Boston, George Holden Tinkham, to allow his frank to be used by some organization which also addresses mail for Holt, Nye and Thorkelson? Might it not be more appropriate to let the representatives of the people of New York do the circulating (if necessary) to the people of their state? Do the people of the State of Montana know that you are allowing tons of propaganda to be mailed under frank free of charge, but at a definite cost to the tax paying citizens of the whole United States? These are questions for your own conscience. And, Senator, who is paying the bill for all of these reprints? Who... and WHY?

#### LOOK AT THE LAW!

Let's consider the LAW. One section of the Postal Laws and Regulations is written in plain language. See Chapter 4, Sec. 613 (1932) which reads as follows: "It shall be unlawful for any person entitled under the law to the use of a frank, to lend same to or permit its use by any committee, organization, or association, or permit its use by any person for the benefit or use of any committee, organization, or association. This provision shall not apply to any committee composed of members of Congress."

That law sounds clear but it doesn't mean what the average citizen would think that it means. That law means that a member of Congress cannot allow his signature (or frank) to be placed on the stationery of an outside organization containing material of that organization.

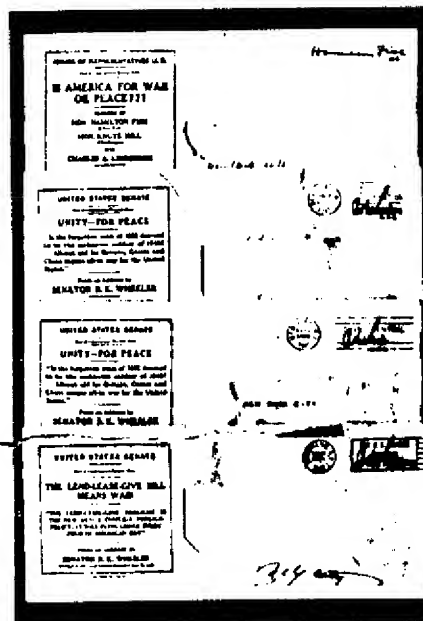
But, Senator, haven't we all arrived at a dangerous position where something should be done to clarify this law or to make it read so that it means what it sounds like? Isn't it true that the franking privilege is really being lent to outside committee or organizations under the guise of a legitimate use of the frank?

For example, I can submit an envelope bearing your frank post marked Washington, D. C., on May 10th, containing reprints of outside speeches made by you and Representative Roy Willis and introduced into the record by Senators Taft and Clark respectively. The envelope was received at a Long Island address by a "dummy name" placed on the list of American Coalition Society, who number among their members such important anti-Semites as John B. Trevor and James H. Patten and whose offices must have addressed the franked mail which you must have furnished.

The mailing was actually a mailing for the Society. It was within the law which allows you to appoint an agent, but it plainly is a propaganda mailing for the Society and your cause. Why should taxpayers pay the bill for the free use of your propaganda mail? Isn't that mailing an ethical violation of law which prohibits the lending of your frank to outside organizations, even though not a legal violation? Shouldn't something be done about all this?

We have other unusual cases (see Exhibit B-1). On March 15th an advertising manager of a magazine published in New York received for the first time franked mail from Representative Ham Fish. It contained the usual line from Fish AND LINDBERGH (who is not yet a member of Congress). On April 17th, this same advertising manager who had not been receiving franked mail before, received one of your franked envelopes containing reprint of a speech you made on March 24th (same agent handling both yours

#### EXHIBIT B-1



and Fish's propaganda). Lo and behold, along on May 2nd, our German-American friend (previously mentioned in Exhibit B) received one of the same franked envelopes containing your March 24th speech addressed with the peculiar old fashioned blue stencil used during the big December appeasement drive.

Here is another case! On February 22nd (of this year) you allowed or caused to be mailed from Brooklyn, New York, under your free frank, an unknown number of letters to prominent Irish American names in New York City in an envelope which blared out the advertising that "Lend Leas Bill means War" and that "It will blow under every fourth American boy." (Later, slogan was picked up by Communists and distributed widely around many a college campus.)

Inside your franked envelope was a small slip containing remarks made by you in Senate on January 12th. You enclosed (or allowed to be enclosed) a form letter processed on the stationery of The Committee on Interstate Commerce. I am attaching a photostat of this letter (Exhibit C.) It follows all the Direct Mail rules of technique. It is an appeal by a Senator from the State of Montana to certain citizens of the State of New York to bring pressure on

duly elected representatives of New York citizens to vote against 1776. Understand, Senator Wheeler, I would charge you with the ethical misuse of the United States mail, even though you had been campaigning on the other side. Many of the people on this particular Irish mailing list resented your intrusion and presumption.

#### Will you answer these questions?

- (1) Why does a Senator from Montana feel it necessary to usurp the prerogative of the Senators from New York in approaching their constituents?
- (2) Why was a mailing with your frank made from Brooklyn? Could it be possible that the office of the disgraced Senator-elect and Christian Front hand-did the mailing? If not, who did?
- (3) Why did you use the stationery of the Committee on Interstate Commerce to send out a purely personal appeal? (Which appeal was not about Interstate Commerce.)

Did the Members of the Interstate Commerce Committee vote to allow you to use their Committee stationery to send out this personal appeal about a topic on which many of the members (listed on letterhead) disagreed with you (such as New York's Senator Wagner)?

Do you dare to reveal who or what organization paid for the printing and addressing of this meddling letter?

#### TIME FOR ANALYSIS!

Isn't it about high time that the tax paying citizens of this country find out what is going on within the Halls of Congress... find out just how far any member of Congress can go in spending the taxpayers money for deluging the country with propaganda?

I am a plain, ordinary citizen, Senator. I can't require you to answer questions. But I think you owe it to the country to make an explanation. Perhaps some patriotic citizens of Montana could demand that you explain.

You can not be unaware that all of this is going on... that this cancer of disruption is spreading into the structure of our mail system. You cannot disclaim responsibility or knowledge of the misuse of your frank. You alone are responsible. You have allowed widespread and promiscuous use of your frank for propaganda purposes. You know or should know that batches of your franked mail for promiscuous addressing have been passed around at meetings attended by Nazis, anti-Semites, Fascists and those who do not love America. You, in the material circulated nationally under your frank have helped to carry out the Nazi theory of "Divide and Conquer." You have helped in creating the wave of racial and religious intolerance sweeping the country by such statements as "Now we find these same international bankers with their friends the royal refugees and with the Bureaucrats of the Orient and with the Rothschilds and Warburgs of Europe in another theme song... Our investments in India, Africa, and Europe must be preserved. Save democracy!"

You know that these anti-Semitic statements sound very similar to Hitler's own phrasing, as: "The Jewish capitalistic warmongers, their hands stained with blood, saw their tangible pretext for realizing their diabolical plans vanish. Once again we witness a conspiracy of... money grabbing financial parasites for whom war was a welcome means for furthering their aims."

Don't you know, Senator, that what we need in this unity of purpose, a desire to fight with words, faith, faith and tolerance the enemies of truth, freedom?

What has caused you to become the leader of this gang of "divide and conquer" propagandists? Is it your deep hatred of the elected head of our country, who (at it should be respected and upheld in the most crucial time of our history? Politicians like you should stop and read again and again and again Stephen's of 1816. "My country! In her intercourse with foreign nations, may she ever be right; but, right or wrong, my country!" You, Senator Wheeler, are not the

man elected by the people to have "intercourse" with foreign nations. Party lines, personal grievances, should make no difference now when the head of this country is battling with enemy forces who want him discredited and ridiculed. Could it be possible that you are misguided by the plans for a Peace Party to be dominated by you, John L. Lewis, and Lindbergh? What do you and these other frank-using Congressmen want? Glory, power, defeat . . . or what?

I am not the only one who knows about the misuse of the franking privilege for propaganda purposes. You, no doubt, read the press release issued by the Overseas News Agency on April 27th. In case you missed it, here are verbatim quotes. You should have all the facts.

WASHINGTON, April 26th (GNA)—The American public which is spending seven billion dollars for aid to embattled democracies, is also spending cash to send through the mails to mailing lists compiled by pro-Nazi, literature designed to kill aid for democracies.

Definite proof that defeatist and isolationist Congressional speeches are being distributed in enormous quantities through pro-Nazi, anti-Semitic mailing lists at the expense of the American public was obtained by this correspondent today.

In Omaha, Neb., Charles B. Hudson, violently anti-Semitic publisher, admitted to reporters that he had distributed isolationist speeches under the Congressional free mailing franks of Senators Worth Clark of Idaho, Bennett Champ Clark of Missouri and Burton K. Wheeler of Montana, and Representatives Oliver of Maine and Bolton of Ohio.

This last week in Washington, subscribers to Hudson's "Embellish, America is Danger" received three speeches related from the Congressional Record—speeches by Senators Clark of Idaho, La Follette of Wisconsin and Brooks of Illinois. They were entitled respectively, "You are on your way to war," "Stop the march to war," and "Three steps to war."

None of the speeches were mailed from either Washington or the states the Senators represent in Congress. They all came from Omaha, Hudson's headquarters, and Hudson, whose pro-Nazi activities were exposed by the Dies Committee, has admitted sending them all.

The speeches were reprinted from the Congressional Record "not at government expense." This means only that they were reprinted at cost by the Government Printing Office.

In at least one case, the office of the Senator involved denied knowing through what mailing lists the speeches were distributed and in Omaha, Hudson told reporters that the Congressional speeches were distributed from the Congressional office for distribution through him but "I am a congressional office for distribution through him but I don't know who sends them."

The office of Senator Clark of Idaho involved Representative Hamilton Fish of New York in the matter. Clark's office said that the speeches were sent only to the Order of the Purple Heart under Clark's frank to far as the Idaho Senator knew, but copies were sent to the office of Representative Fish and the thousands of pamphlets distributed through pro-Nazi mailing lists were purchased through Fish's office.

Senator Clark's office denied that the Idaho Senator had given permission for Hudson to use Clark's free mailing frank.

#### MISUSE IS GENERAL

I attach photographs, Exhibit D, showing other examples of franked mail "allowed to be used" by E. C. Johnson of Colorado, D. Worth Clark of Idaho, James C. Oliver, Maine, and Clare E. Hoffman of Michigan.

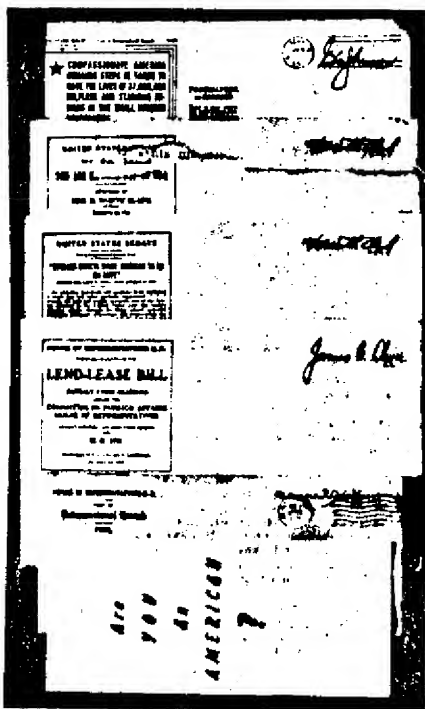
Johnson of Idaho circularizes citizens of Texas asking them to feed the invaded countries (of course, that wouldn't help Hitler . . . much); the Honorable D. Worth Clark allows his franked mail to be used repeatedly by who-knows-to spread the cause of disunity and apathy toward Hitler's conquests; Clare Hoffman really violates the Postal regulations cause he reprints an insertion in Congressional Records booklet form with a cover bearing title "Are you an American?" It is against the law to "embellish" Congressional proceedings and mail under frank. (But why follow the law, when there is no penalty for a violation of it?)

James C. Oliver has been extraordinarily active in broad-casting tons of Nazi-decorated Lindbergh's statement inserted in the "record." A University professor in TEXAS received a franked Oliver (Maine) envelope post marked New York and bearing an address sticker obviously made from address plate of a trial subscription to Scribner's Commentator, the great appeasement and God-bless-Hitler journal. Investigation shows that these reprints of Lindbergh's

statements inserted in Oliver's franked envelopes were ordered by the Washington Chapter of the America First Committee through Oliver's office under instructions received from the New York office of the America First Committee. These blank stuffed envelopes, bearing Oliver's frank, were distributed through Philadelphia, Chicago, New York and other areas for addressing by miscellaneous promiscuous unknown and unnumbered persons.

It is presumed logically that the America First Committee paid for these reprints. But they were delivered free under legal protection of Oliver's frank. Why should the America First Committee be permitted to send its propaganda through the mail free of charge? You have elected to be the spokesman for the America First Committee . . . when you well know that their meetings are packed with every breed of pro-Nazi and un-American agitators. You will know that the Nazi agents who ran the now defunct American Fellowship Forum have been and are now actively campaigning for the America First Committee. You cannot be unaware of the wave of strong-arm terrorism growing around America First meetings . . . resulting in the physical assault of "democratic" objectors. Ask me, Senator, about the beating received by a 69 year old American who objected to the un-American remarks of a speaker at an America First Committee Rally!! Is that YOUR IDEA OF DEMOCRACY?

#### EXHIBIT D



We could go along like this, Senator Wheeler, for a long time. We could tell you about a friend of ours who reported on March 12th by wire that he saw a sackful of franked plain propaganda mail from a certain Senator in Washington delivered to the Defender Magazine, edited by Gerald Winrod; at Wichita, Kansas for redressing to their pro-Fascist, anti-Semitic, pro-Nazi list. (The Nazi World Wire Service recommends Winrod highly.)

That means that the franking privilege was prostituted by being loaned to an outside organization whose interests are far from American. All within the letter of the law perhaps . . . but tottering close to the hair line of TREASON.

#### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

I'll rest my case here, Senator. This plague of disruption . . . this insidious gnawing at the vitals of decency and of good statesmanship . . . is happening right here in America.

In your and my America. Those who hear about it for the first time say "It can't be true." But, IT IS TRUE. A small clique of obstructionist members of Congress have prostituted their right to the franking privilege; they have turned over this right to bundlers, crackpots, anti-Semites, anti-Americans; they have violated (in spirit at least) the laws and regulations governing the use of the frank. They have violated their oath to uphold the dignity of their high office. And these same members of Congress are the most loud spoken in their criticism and contempt for those who are trying to guide this country through trouble waters. They label all critics of their questionable actions . . . WAR-MONGERS.

I'm glad that you asked for an explanation of my charges. You forgot to mention that in the letter I wrote to your informant, Miss Clark, I said, "Don't think for a minute that I am a warmonger. I have three boys of my own (see letter to them, Exhibit B). I don't want to see them shot. But I believe the American people can stop Hitler if they will stop being appeasers." The time has come to get tough. You and Senator Nye have one common glaring inconsistency—in all your speeches and propaganda mailings (I've read and listened carefully). You claim that "this is the same old kind of border dispute . . . that America is being bombarded by pressure to get us into war." Both of you have refused to keep in step with changes and to face the facts. This is a new kind of war of disruption . . . a war preceded by skillful mail propaganda used as a military weapon. I could prove to you and Senator Nye (if you would listen) by Post Office Records and by the minutes of the Direct Mail Advertising Association, that direct mail was only just beginning in 1914, 15, 16, 17. It was not used widely as a commercial advertising vehicle. It was not used to any extent by foreign governments.

Direct mail (see postal figures) did not start growing until the 20's. Until the advent of Communism, no foreign government used direct mail as a means of influencing the citizens of another country to accept or approve of a form of government inimical to their own. Hitler killed direct mail in Germany because he had used it to win Germany for Nazism. Hitler has built and operated the largest Direct Mail Campaign in the history of Advertising . . . a campaign designed to sell Disruption and Destruction. And, as in France, Belgium, Poland, Denmark, Holland, etc., Hitler has succeeded because he was able to get "Patriots" to participate in his unbelievably complete direct mail scheme. (Refer back to Chart marked Exhibit A-3.)

You and Senator Nye could become two of the biggest men in our history . . . by calmly reviewing the facts . . . by admitting without thought of personal pride or ambition that you were misguided or misinformed . . . and by using your prestige and new found faith in United States to help mould this country to the single dominant purpose of defeating the scourge of lust and power which is Hitler's Voice of Destruction.

Before concluding please add this pertinent information: I am acting solely as an individual citizen. I am interested professionally in the legitimate use of the United States

mail. I have a logical right to uncover and print information about the fraudulent or questionable use of the mail, by business chieftains, by foreign governments or . . . by members of the Congress of the United States. The dignity of your position deserves respect—and I respect it. But I cannot uncomplainingly respect the holder of the position when he has used it, in my opinion, as a Voice of Disruption.

I represent no Association or propaganda group. I have been financed by no outside organization or individuals.

I am not a warmonger and I have yet to discover any evidence of so-called warmongering in the contacts I have had with business men or government officials.

For thirteen months I've waged a battle to uncover and destroy subversive activities in the mail. I've had threats and I've been taken "to the mountain top of attractive offers" . . . all sorts of efforts to make me stop. I WILL NOT stop until the wholesome misuse of the mails is stopped. I'm willing to step aside and put the finish of the fight in more capable and effective hands. I'd even be willing to turn the job over to you.

I repeat my accusation that you and other named members of Congress have misused, or allowed the misuse of, your franking privilege in the interests of the disruptors of the American Way of Life. (Knowingly or unwittingly.)

You have participated in a practice which in last fiscal year (according to Post Office Cost Ascertainment figures) cost the taxpayers \$1,317,344.00. (The credit Post Office received for carrying franked mail. The amount will be much larger this fiscal year judging by your increased use of the frank.)

If you are sincere Senator in your much publicized patriotism, I will retract my charge on the day that you stand up in the Senate and propose:

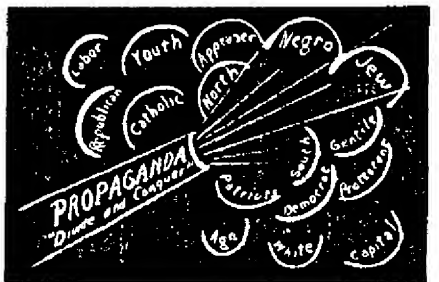
- An Emergency Legislation Act . . . making it illegal for any foreign government (or its agents) to solicit or attempt by mail or in person any resident of the United States for the purpose of influencing or securing the enactment of a form of government opposed to our own. Such an Act is legal and constitutional phrasing would close the German Library, the German Railroad, the German American Board of Trade and all Communist and Fascist branches.
- A complete revision of the franking regulations making it illegal (with penalties) for any member of Congress to lend the use of the frank for propaganda purposes—except for use that frank FOR ANY PURPOSE except official business or for correspondence with constituents.

Until that day, Senator Wheeler, I'll keep watching, collecting and accusing.

The end of the fight may be up to you.

Sincerely,

(Signed) HENRY HOKE  
Publisher.





## EXHIBIT "E"

— Excerpts from —

### A LETTER TO THREE SONS

Originally printed in the June 1940 REPORTER and reprinted widely all over the world. It is inserted here to make this record complete.

Dear Boys:

It won't be for very long I can call you that. You have grown fast. It seems so short a time since we built the trains in the cellar . . . and packed them away to hold for little future-fellows. The world moves so fast these days . . . we've all had to grow up quickly . . . and you must look at your new world with eyes more mature than mine when I professed youth.

It's time for us four to have a "bull-session" and find out where we stand. I'll put my end of it in a letter.

Those mimeographed sheets you've been getting in school (stuck under your door, etc.) . . . and those doubtful doctrines discussed (sometimes approved) by teachers and newspapers and your elders . . . have mixed-up your thinking until it's no wonder you wonder what all the shoutin's about.

What are you going to BELIEVE? That is the real problem of youth. What is the one thing that most worries the fathers of fine sons? I'd say . . . the Indifference of Youth to the whole problem of this new world you face so calmly.

Maybe (and it is most plausible) Life has been too easy for all of us. Maybe youth has had too many busses to take them to school; too much hot water without chopping wood; too much "finger-tip" music and news without shoveling a path through the snow to the town hall or to the debaters around the stove at the corner store. Too much freedom and leisure and vacation . . . without having to fight to keep the Indians away from the playground clearing. Too much solicitude for shorter hours of work . . . without realizing that work is fun and that leisure is satisfying only when truly earned. Maybe that is the cause of the Indifference. Is it? You answer. Maybe the blame falls on us fathers.

#### FOUR SUGGESTIONS

First: I don't believe there is a single father in this America who wants to see his sons forced into a war. I don't believe any American (official or plain citizen) wants fine, clean boys

like you to be slaughtered. Weigh those rumors of war menacing carefully. They smell . . . fishy.

Second: I nominate you three boys as charter members of a new club to be composed of American Fathers and Sons. Let's call the new club: "The Hi-Timers." (It's nighttime we're doing something about this America of ours.) Get it? Let's have many sober and serious sessions to find out what all the shouting is about. Let's weigh calmly and sincerely all these foreign claims that America is no good . . .

Third: I don't want to be sappy in this session. I don't want to do any flag-waving vaudeville stunt for you. We'll dispense with the reading or singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" . . . but Good God Almighty boys—do your share in all your contacts from this minute on to change the Indifference of Youth into a deep and sane love of this free country you inherit.

What do you think of America? Isn't it great? Are you going to let these foreign propagandists lull you and your friends to sleep or into thinking there is Utopia at the end of a bloody rainbow of lust and murder and regimentation? Or conversely, are you going to let some of the crackpots which exist and flourish in a DEMOCRACY flim-flam us with theories that we shouldn't work (and regiment ourselves if necessary) to protect this country of ours from the enemies of our peaceful pursuits?

Fourth: In these changing days—read both sides of all controversies. Be skeptical of obvious propaganda. Search for the motives behind the appeals you receive. Study the history of this country—not as you studied in school—but as an absorbing, personal guide to your future. Read, analyze, and look at this land of yours objectively and patriotically. If we all have to go to training camps to prepare ourselves for possible protection—let's do it gladly. Let's say it's Hi-Time we all are willing to get away from ease, and to work a little overtime to keep safe the land that has given us this ease and work.

It is your America, Boys. It belongs to you and your boy-and-girl friends. It belongs to you and the kids who may some day unpack and rebuild the old trains.

I've got to get back to work. I leave the rest of the session to you. Call the first meeting of The Hi-Timers to order. Organize it, promote it (by Direct Mail if necessary). But above all . . . be a Hi-Timer, and by your courage and example destroy the INDIFFERENCE OF YOUTH.

Change that Indifference to Fire and Faith and Hope for a Free America. You can do it . . . and the fellow who knows you can do it is

**Your Dad**

# SO WHAT?

What are we Americans going to do about this barrage of propaganda in the mails? A barrage which spills over into the Press, into the Schools, Churches, Homes, Factories, Offices—and into meetings of all kinds.

How can we stop it without wrecking the very freedom we are trying to protect—the freedom of speech, of press, of assembly?

Laws could be devised to limit the use of the mails—during the emergency at least—to Americans. Sedition laws possibly could be invoked against those trying to undermine love for America among the soldiers and students. Laws could be devised (see suggestions made to Senator Wheeler) to restrict the misuse of the mails by foreign interests—and to eliminate the misuse of franking privileges.

These are jobs for lawyers and lawmakers. In the meantime all of us can fight this propaganda with a concerted drive to expose it, explain it—and show it for what it really is—a *gigantic fraud*. All of us can individually become crusaders and fighters for Democracy.

We can refuse to be influenced by defeatism, by appeasement, by anti-democratic hokum. We can be *more tolerant*—and refuse to become part of the scheme to stir up racial, religious, political or group-against-group intolerance.

We can carry the story contained in this report to all of our contacts. We, as individuals and groups, can defeat Nazi, Fascist and Communist inspired fear—by refusing to be afraid, by refusing to be confused by the deluge of disruption.

Use this report as basic material for discussions at school and civic meetings. Use *your freedom of the mails* to let your wishes be known at Washington. Don't let the *disruptors* do all the writing!

America is worth fighting for. If this is to be a war of propaganda—of internal disruption—let's show the disruptors that American Advertising and Public Relations genius can stage an effective counter-action of its own.

The Reporter offices at 17 East 42nd Street, New York will be glad to furnish leaders of business or civic groups free of charge with reference lists of source material on this subject of propaganda in the mail. Reprints of this report will be available at a cost price for quantities.

FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.  
103 PARK AVENUE  
NEW YORK CITY



# Whether They Know It Or Not —

The America First Committee, whether its members know it or not and whether they like it or not, is a Nazi front!

It is a transmission belt by means of which the apostles of Nazism are spreading their anti-democratic ideas into millions of American homes!

This is not to say that the America First Committee is a Nazi organization. On the contrary, the great majority of its officers and members are patriotic Americans who sincerely believe that this nation should pursue a policy of isolationism and appeasement.

But that is exactly what Adolf Hitler and his disciples in the United States believe, and they are using—or misusing—the America First Committee to spread those ideas.

We do not question the integrity of the leadership and membership of the America First Committee nor the sincerity of its program. But we do seriously question the wisdom of the policy-makers and the soundness of a policy which has the unqualified approval of Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini and their agents in the United States. It is no secret that the Axis wishes for and works toward the destruction of democracy throughout the world.

In its war upon democracy the Axis has no more effective ally in the United States than the America First Committee. This is true because the America First Committee denounces the Axis

while it advocates a foreign policy favorable to the Axis. Thus, it is more effective than any Nazi agent or organization, for it does not bear the stigma of an alien loyalty.

Recognizing this basic fact, the American organizations committed to totalitarianism have rallied around the banner of the America First Committee. The following pages will show how they operate openly at meetings of the America First Committee; how they distribute the literature of the Committee and recruit members; how they publicize the Committee in the American Nazi press; how the propaganda ministries in Berlin and Rome publicize the Committee on an international scale.

Friends of Democracy has always opposed front organizations serving as transmission belts for both Communists and Nazis. To us it seems unfortunate that the America First Committee, whose members in times past have fought the transmission belts of the Communists, now finds itself functioning as a Nazi transmission belt.

And it is equally unfortunate that a group of American citizens, consciously or unconsciously, is giving aid and comfort to an enemy whose very existence has caused the United States to spend billions of dollars in a rearmament program.



# HITLER'S ARGUMENTS THROUGH THE MOUTHS OF THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE SPOKESMEN

—From Senator Wheeler by Radio,  
March 3, 1941:

"Now we find these same international bankers with their friends the royal refugees and with the Sassoons of the Orient and with the Rothschilds and Warburgs of Europe in another theme song . . . 'Our investments in India, Africa and Europe must be preserved. Save democracy!'"

—From Hitler, July 19, 1940:

"The Jewish capitalistic warmongers, their hands stained with blood, saw their tangible pretext for realizing their diabolical plans vanish. Once again we witness a conspiracy of . . . money-grabbing financial magnates for whom war was a welcome means for furthering their aims."

—From Senator Nye to the Senate,  
March 4, 1941:

"The greatest aggressor in all modern history has been the British Empire. . . . The Empire is the despotic, arbitrary and sometimes tyrannical rule over almost half a billion people. . . . It is this Empire that is calling us in the name of democracy."

—From Hitler to the German People,  
January 30, 1940:

"England had gradually built up her so-called world empire by force. Nation after nation was crushed and the structure was created which was called the British Empire."

These two Senators, Burton K. Wheeler of Montana (Dem.) and Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota (Rep.), have served the America First Committee as spokesmen. The wife of the Montana Senator, Lulu M. White Wheeler, is extremely active in the affairs of the America First Committee. So is their son, John Leonard Wheeler, who is known to be one of the heads of the America First Committee in Los Angeles, California.

ADMIT TWO ★ America First Committee ★  
**RALLY**  
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 ★ **MECCA** ★  
 AUDITORIUM  
 133 West 35th Street  
 ★ **THURSDAY EVE.** ★  
 8:15 P.M.  
 ★ **FEB. 20, 1941** ★  
 Free  
 ADMISSION ★ No Reserved Seats  
 Doors Open 7 P.M.

*Speakers*  
 SENATOR GERALD P. WYE  
 DOROTHY DUNBAR BROMLEY  
 JOHN T. FLYNN  
 REV. LAURENCE T. HOSIE  
 NORMAN THOMAS  
 GENERAL ROBERT E. WOOD  
 OTHERS  
 MUSIC

**TO  
 SAVE  
 AMERICA  
 FROM  
 WAR!**

The biggest show of the America First Committee thus far was a mass meeting at Mecca Temple, New York City, on February 20th. The stage was occupied by spokesmen of the America First Committee, but a large part of the audience belonged to New York's petty fascists who desire not peace but a Nazi victory. Members of the Nazified American Destiny Party were there because their leader, Joe McWilliams, had said to them: "I want every one of you who can go to the important meeting at Mecca Temple." So were members of other pro-Nazi outfits—the Paul Revere Sentinels, the Christian Front, the American Nationalists, the German-American Bund and the Kyffhäuser Bund. As always, the America First Committee served as a transmission belt to relay Adolf Hitler's propaganda to his American disciples.

**Social Justice**  
 NATIONAL WEEKLY  
 Founded 1936  
 by Father Coughlin  
 Royal Oak, Michigan  
 February 17, 1941  
 Subscription: Three Dollars Per Year  
 10¢

**2,000 in N. Y. Cheer  
 Christian Front Boys**  
 (Story on Page 7)

**'Merchandisers of Murder', a Fr. Coughlin Broadcast**

CONVENT ON WORLD EVENTS  
 BRITISH VICTORY PUTS A STOP TO ASSETS HELD OUT  
 AMERICAN PORTFOLIO B. K. WHEELER PEACE CRUSADER

Hawkers of Father Coughlin's anti-Semitic magazine, *Social Justice*, did a thriving business. This is understandable, because the issue on sale contained an article in praise of "B. K. Wheeler, Peace Crusader." Senator Wheeler,

whose wife is a member of the national committee of the America First Committee, has become a hero not only of the anti-Semitic, fascist-minded radio priest but of all who would substitute totalitarianism for democracy in the United States.

# ...And Steal the Show

PAUL REVERE SENTINELS, INC., AND ASSOCIATE

PATRIOTIC AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

232 EAST 42nd STREET,

NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK

YOU ARE CALLED TO THE DEFENSE OF YOUR COUNTRY. TO THE DEFENSE OF  
THE LIVES OF YOUR SONS.

PERSUADE YOUR U.S. SENATE DEFEAT H R 1776.

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## Why Destroy America?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt shows his Complete Contempt for All American Tradition (that is, Contempt for all that has made this Nation what it is today) by seeking through the Bill H R 1776 to 'Unbridled Dictatorship' to be imposed on the Forces of a Nation, to make a Dictator. He makes a Dictator of the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the United States Dictator.

Published by  
The Constitutionist Press  
Carnegie Hall  
New York City, N. Y.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt has been a traitor to the American Tradition. In 1932, he showed himself a traitor to the American Tradition that a Party Platform is a promise to the People. He has shown himself a traitor to the American Tradition of Liberty by substituting the Regimentation of the American Tradition for the Liberty of the American Tradition.

This day there are 50,000 veterans of the last World War in the military hospitals of this country.

Without one or both eyes, legs and arms gone, shell-shocked, saliva drooling idiots.

Demand the refugees fight Hitler this time and leave our boys at home, where they belong as Christians.

But some of the anti-democratic organizations did not sell their wares. They gave them away. The Paul Revere Sentinels, most of whom are disciples of Father Coughlin, handed out mimeographed leaflets. The Constitutionalist Press, whose publisher refused to vote for Wendell Willkie because the candidate repudiated Father Coughlin, distributed pamphlets. Henchmen of the Yorkville fuhrer, Joe McWilliams, distributed anti-Semitic leaflets urging the audience to "Demand the refugees fight Hitler this time and leave our boys at home, where they belong as Christians." Other literature, both Communist and Fascist, was distributed by means of the transmission belt.

Yes, the Nazis stole the show. A newspaperman wrote: "They applauded violently as Senator Burton K. Wheeler, Senator Gerald P. Nye and Norman Thomas predicted that this country faced war and dictatorship if the lend-lease bill passed. With great heartiness they booed President Roosevelt, Wendell Willkie, Mayor LaGuardia, Walter Lippmann and the British Navy. Occasionally

they shouted 'The Jews, the Jews' and 'Morgenthau and Cohen' when speakers discussed public sentiment in favor of all-out aid to Britain." And when the meeting was over, it was not the leaders of the America First Committee who shook hands with the audience as it left, but Joe McWilliams — he who openly seeks to become the American Hitler.

# Chicago Nazis Solicit Funds

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## GERMAN AMERICAN NATIONAL ALLIANCE

### NEWS LETTER

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Max Woodieck - Treasurer

WELL KNOWN SPEAKERS HAVE BEEN ARRANGED FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES

NORTH SIDE: Monday evening, Feb. 10, 1941  
8:00 P.M. in the Lincoln Turner Hall.

SOUTH SIDE: Friday evening, Feb. 21, 1941  
at 8:00 P.M. in the Deutsches Haus, 5159 South Ashland Avenue.

WEST SIDE: Members will be notified by Post Card.

DELEGATE MEETING: Thursday evening, Feb. 27, 1941, in the Lincoln Turner Hall.

### AID TO GREAT BRITAIN (Cont'd)

aiding you in your fight to save the lives of the sons of America and to preserve American institutions and the American way of life. Assist these committees in their fight for you. Assist them financially and morally. They need money to across the Atlantic. Assist these committees at once. Here are the names and addresses of these committees who are against war, etc.:

Citizens Keep America Out of War Committee  
77 West Washington Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

America First Committee,  
Board of Trade Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Jan. 25, 1941 Paul A. P. Warnhoefer

### Do YOU Want PEACE FOR AMERICA?

If So:

- (A) WRITE or TELEGRAPH to the two U. S. SENATORS of your state and ask them to defeat the DICTATOR and WAR BILL H. R. 1776.
- (B) SUPPORT FINANCIALLY the committees, who help in the fight AGAINST war. Send from \$1.00 upward to:

CITIZENS KEEP AMERICA OUT OF WAR COMMITTEE.  
77 West Washington Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

or

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE.  
Board of Trade Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

- (C) ASK YOUR FRIENDS TO DO LIKEWISE.

### DO IT NOW!

If the war-mongering clique wins, YOUR BOY may be commanded very soon to march to HIS DEATH.

THE U. S. SENATE MUST NOT ABDICATE IN FAVOR OF A DICTATORSHIP.

### REMEMBER:

GANA P. O. Box 492 Chicago

The German American National Alliance of Chicago also calls itself the *Einheitsfront*, or "United Front." Its Nazi origin and connections are well known.

The German American National Alliance brazenly uses the transmission-belt technique. It calls upon its members to work through the America First Committee and the Citizens' Keep America Out of War Committee. The "United Front" is to be extended to include the two "anti-war" committees. "Assist them financially and morally. Assist these com-

mittees at once!" Such is the shrill command of the *Einheitsfront* to Hitler-lovers in the Middle West.

America First? Keep Out of War? Handy names and slogans for those who are neither patriots nor pacifists but mere handmaidens of the Axis!

America First? It is America First-Aid to the Nazis!

Keep Out of War? It is but a brown herring dragged across the trail of those who would harm this country's defense!

# N.Y. Nazis Recruit Members

JOHN B. SNOW  
18 EAST 48TH STREET  
NEW YORK  
—  
TELEPHONE PLAZA 2-8088

Fellow Americans:

The campaign pledges of both our armed forces would not be called Asiatic or European.

In spite of this, the propaganda of the people will continue

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America First Committee,  
New York Chapter,  
49 East 53rd St., New York City  
I subscribe to the aims of the America First Committee. Please enroll me as a member. I declare that I am an American citizen and in no way connected with any foreign power or subversive organization.

Name

Street

City

Telephone

See other Side

The notorious Christian Front distributes not only the literature of the America First Committee. It distributes also application forms for that "anti-war" and "anti-ism" organization. The Christian Front is in itself an "ism"—it advocates a Hitler-Mussolini brand of totalitarianism for the United States. By advocating racial and religious hatred, by threatening civil strife in this country, the Christian Front stands for war. Its leaders make no secret of their admiration for Hitler and Mussolini. They stand for war—Hitler's and Mussolini's war upon the last remaining democracies of the world.

And this is the organization which recruits members for the America First Committee with the latter's claim of being against war because war is the breeder of isms!

Speech by  
GENERAL ROBERT E. WOOD  
Acting Chairman  
America First Committee

## "Our Foreign Policy"

delivered before the  
Council on Foreign Relations  
Friday, October 4, 1940

with an introduction by  
MR. CLAY JUDSON  
former President  
of the Council on Foreign Relations

For the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE  
National Headquarters  
1806 Board of Trade Building  
CHICAGO

Very truly yours,  
John B. Snow

Another "friend" of the America First Committee is wealthy socialite John B. Snow, whose organization has been dedicated to Hitler first—America last. But this former distributor of "The Protocols of the Elders of Zion" and other Nazi propaganda now mails copies of "Our Foreign Policy" to his followers. Apparently Mr. Snow and the America First Committee see eye to eye on foreign policy.

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# Poison at Nazi Conference

—Official Publication of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan

## The FIERY CROSS



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Report Number 331

American Crusade

### Segregate the Jews

Awakening to Financial Monopoly Mastery, British Economic Experts Urge  
Themselves From Super-National Control of Money Power

#### THE VICIOUS CIRCLE

"The vicious circle of Jewish exploitation and persecution will never be broken unless those Jews who wish or are forced to be Jews first, have an adequate of their own. If it is wrong for Jews to exploit national interests, it is far more responsible governments to neglect them (national interests)." — From by Julius.

The quotation in the box item above, considered in conjunction with the quotation in another part of this new book, VII, "The financier has been the enemy of the people and the economy of the world."



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A few weeks ago several of the ranking leaders in the American Nazi hierarchy met in Chicago behind closed doors to discuss a course of joint action. Their number included Donald Shea, leader of the National Gentile League; Edward James Smythe, leader of the Protestant War Veterans, who arranged the recent joint meeting of the Ku Klux Klan and the German-American Bund at Camp Nordland; Colonel E. N. Sanctuary, leader of the American Christian Defenders, formerly known as

the World Alliance Against Jewish Aggressiveness, and Olov Tietzov, leader of the admittedly fascist American Guard. For this important conference they had assembled great quantities of standard pieces of pro-Nazi, anti-British propaganda. With one exception this propaganda had been published by persons and organizations dedicated to the destruction of American democracy. That exception was the America First Committee whose literature was carefully read and later widely distributed by the Nazi leaders.



# American Nazi Press Approves

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SOCIAL JUSTICE

## Must America Fight?

THE LIVES of 12-million American boys, the wealth and resources of the America we have known, are being dragged each day closer to the brink of war.

Night and day, the American people are being subjected to a barrage of propaganda to enter the holocaust now devouring the people and the civilization of Europe.

In a recent address to the students and faculty of the University of Notre Dame, the Rev. John A. O'Brien, Ph.D., said:

"The propagandists for America's involvement in the feuds and hatreds of Europe at first centered their efforts to break down the barriers we had erected to protect our civilization."

ing out of American blood in Europe, Africa and Asia—and South America!

"Democracy took Britain and France into authoritarianism. The shape enters into thing to

"An iron every phase the use of a description of the force of democracy, the iron

"Shall we learn nothing from our tragic involvement in that monstrous failure among the nations of Europe?"

"The

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Founded 1936 by Father Coughlin

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### CATHOLIC TEACHER CONDEMNS BRITISH PROPAGANDA

Dr. O'Brien of Notre Dame Calls White's Committee a Threat to the U. S.

The Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies should be called "The Mass-Murder Committee," Dr. John A. O'Brien, of the University of Notre Dame, said as he called for a national crusade to "Defend America First" and "Arm America First."

"It's concern," said the Notre Dame graduate school apologist professor as he addressed students and faculty in the English

said that this country will "commit national suicide if we repeat the mistake of 1917."

"Shall we pour out our blood and treasure to guarantee the ever shifting boundary lines in Europe and try to dictate to foreign nations the kind of government they must have?" he asked.

"The Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies should be called the mass murder committee. The concern is first with Great Britain, only secondly with America. To perpetuate Britain's hold on one-fifth of the world's population is the aim of the committee."

Seite 4

**THE FREE AMERICAN**  
Devotion, Deceit and Deceit

Dr. O'Brien, 23 years director of the Newman Foundation, began teaching at Notre Dame last September upon his return from a year in

isely what America will plunge into the madness

ysteria of the war spirit and, by inflaming our emotional capacity to think, let ourselves:

advance the cause of defeating it from its one resource?

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shorten the period of madness by warring leaders to the by abandoning our position of moral power in the world into the dirty business

France, only hundreds of thousands of Poland by so a single plane, or firing a single America, thousands of expected to put the ever-

"But the first duty of every true American is to America. Our first duty is to build up a mighty defense for America, not police the ever-shifting boundaries of Europe, much less Egypt or Indo-China.

"Our first duty is to clothe America with the armor of an invincible defense, not strip her naked to man the forts of Dover or Singapore.

"The Defend America by Aiding Britain Committee—in spite of all their protestations to the contrary—should better be called the 'Drag-America-into-the-War-a-Defend-the-British-Empire Committee'; as one American mother wrote me, 'Mass Murder Committee'."

"We prefer the America First organization to which people throughout the country are now rallying—like the Minute Men of Paul Revere.

"Unless they rally to it fast, and in overwhelming numbers, we are in danger of having America stripped of all her defenses. For it is this 'Britain First and America Last Committee' which now seems to be shaping the nation's foreign policy.

"Unless the plain masses of the American people write to their Congressmen and their Senators and thunder in their ears a protest against this betrayal of American defense, and their determination to stay out of Europe's inferno, their sons will find their graves by the millions in Egypt, Europe and Indo-China, and the America

The Nazis in New York and Father Coughlin in Detroit unite in praising the Rev. John A. O'Brien for saying: "We prefer the America First organization."

Here is an article to that effect from *Deutscher Weckruf und Beobachter*, the official newspaper of the Nazi Bund in America with headquarters in New York. (To cover up its work the Nazi paper also calls itself *The Free American*.)

And here is another article to the same effect from *Social Justice*, published by Father Coughlin, who has in the past lifted for his writings whole paragraphs from the speeches of Dr. Goebbels, Hitler's Minister of Propaganda.

Such are the men and journals who praise the America First Committee! They are the ones who applaud those who praise the America First Committee!

# BERLIN APPROVES.

On the evening of January 22nd a short-wave radio broadcast from Berlin placed the official Nazi seal of approval upon the America First Committee. According to the minions of Dr. Goebbels, this Committee represents "true Americanism and true patriotism." The radio speaker from Berlin resented the fact that the

Committee "has been given less publicity" in the United States than it deserves in Nazi eyes. Approval by the Nazi regime should cause the America First Committee to re-examine its program of Americanism. It is difficult to believe that the Nazis would approve a program truly beneficial to a democracy which they fear and detest.



## Short-Wave Broadcast, Berlin, January 22, 1941

"THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE HAPPENS TO OPPOSE THE NEFARIOUS INFLUENCE OF THE COMMITTEE TO DEFEND AMERICA, WHICH TRAVELED FAR ON THE PRESTIGE OF THE NAME OF WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE. HE LATER, OF COURSE, LEFT TO CHOOSE HIS OWN UNSAVORY JUICE. THE AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE IS KNOWN AS TRUE AMERICANISM AND TRUE PATRIOTISM, AS OPPOSED TO THE SYNTHETIC BRAND DISPLAYED BY THOSE AMERICANS ENROLLED UNDER THE WHITE COMMITTEE. THAT COMMITTEE HAS BEEN GIVEN LESS PUBLICITY THAN THE MARRIAGE OF A MOVIE STAR WHO HAS ONLY TWO DIVORCES TO HER NAME SO FAR."



# ... SO DOES ROME

According to the Italian Propaganda Ministry, the "honest voices, thoughtful for the future of America," belong to the members of the "America Innanzi Tutto"—the America First Committee. And according to Virginio Gayda, Il Duce's "man Friday," the Italian Fascists have friends in America. Who are those friends, according to Virginio Gayda? They are Brigadier General Robert Wood, retired, who is acting chairman of the America First Committee; Senator Bur-

ton Wheeler of Montana, the spearhead of isolationist forces in Washington; former Governor Philip La Follette of Wisconsin; Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. Mussolini and Gayda like them. The Fascists say so themselves. They tell the Italian people that Wood, Wheeler, La Follette, and Lindbergh are "eminent personalities" worshipped by the American people. And while telling this, they arrange anti-American demonstrations in the streets of Rome!

## Dispatches from Rome

On January 7, 1941, John T. Whitaker, one of the most reliable American correspondents in Europe, cabled from Rome to the *Chicago Daily News* that the Fascist press printed a short version of President Roosevelt's speech before Congress on January 6th:

"THIS BRIEF VERSION OF THE SPEECH IS PRINTED IN SECONDARY POSITION UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADLINE:

"'HONEST VOICES, THOUGHTFUL FOR THE FUTURE OF AMERICA, CONTINUE TO BE RAISED AGAINST THE SPREADING BELLICISM OF ROOSEVELT.'"

"THE HONEST AND THOUGHTFUL VOICES TURN OUT TO BE THOSE OF PHILIP LA FOLLETTE AND THE 'AMERICA INNANZI TUTTO' (*America First*) ORGANIZATION. WHAT THEY SAY IS TREATED AS MORE IMPORTANT THAN ROOSEVELT'S 'DEMAGOGIC HYPOCRISY,' AS THE NEWSPAPERS TERM THE MESSAGE TO CONGRESS."

And on February 6, 1941, a few weeks before Whitaker was expelled from Italy by Mussolini, he cabled this dispatch:

"AFTER DAYS OF PRESS ATTACKS AGAINST AMERICA, WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS A DICTATOR'S COUNTRY BEING LED TO WAR BY AN ALLIANCE OF THE ANGLO-SAXON ELEMENTS WITH THE JEWS, THE FASCIST UNIVERSITY STUDENTS WERE PUT INTO THE STREETS OF ROME THIS MORNING. IT WAS THE FIRST DEMONSTRATION OF THE SORT SINCE THE LATE NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN'S UMBRELLA AND A COFFIN, LABELED FRANCE, WERE CARRIED THROUGH THE STREETS IN PREPARATION FOR ITALY'S ENTRY INTO THE WAR. . . . SOME SAID IT WAS ANTI-AMERICAN. OTHERS DENIED THAT AND SAID THAT THE STUDENTS CRIED OUT AGAINST ENGLAND. . . ."

"THE PRESS CAMPAIGN, WHICH HAS BEEN WAGED FOR SOME DAYS, DIVIDES AMERICA INTO JEWS WHICH INCLUDE, ACCORDING TO VIRGINIO GAYDA, THE WHITE HOUSE, THE PRESS AND THE RADIO, ON THE ONE HAND, AND WHAT ARE TERMED 'EMINENT PERSONALITIES,' ON THE OTHER. THIS LATTER CATEGORY IS COMPRISED OF SENATOR BURTON K. WHEELER (DEM., MONT.), COL. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, PHILIP LA FOLLETTE, FORMER PROGRESSIVE GOVERNOR OF WISCONSIN, AND ERIC. GEN. ROBERT WOOD, RETIRED. THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE DESCRIBED AS SHARING THE VIEWS OF THESE EMINENT PERSONALITIES."

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Friends of Democracy believes members of the America First Committee should re-examine the policies of the organization in the light of the fact that it is being used as a Nazi transmission belt. We believe they should consider the implications of these facts:

1. A large part of the audiences of many America First meetings are members of pro-Nazi organizations.
2. Nazi propaganda is distributed at many of these meetings.
3. Nazi organizations not only distribute the literature of the America First Committee but recruit members and raise money for the committee.

4. The Nazi press in the United States has stamped the program of the America First Committee with its approval.

5. The propaganda ministries of the democracy-hating Nazi and Fascist governments endorse the policies of the committee.

In view of these facts, we believe the America First Committee should reorganize on a basis which does not lend itself to misuse as a Nazi transmission belt.

## FRIENDS OF DEMOCRACY, INC.

L. M. Birkhead, National Director

National Headquarters:

Fidelity Building  
Kansas City, Missouri

Eastern Regional Office:

103 Park Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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March 31, 1942

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Coffey  
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Mr. Holloman  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thought you might be interested  
in the article, 'Our Fascist Enemies Within'  
page 308 of the enclosed magazine.

With kind regards and best  
wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated March 31, 1942, and enclosure.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to call this information to my attention, and I can assure you that the article mentioned in your letter has been reviewed with considerable interest.

In the event you obtain any additional information that you believe to be of interest to me, please feel free to communicate directly with me or with the Special Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati Office of this Bureau, which is located at 637 United States Post Office and Court House Building, Cincinnati, Ohio.

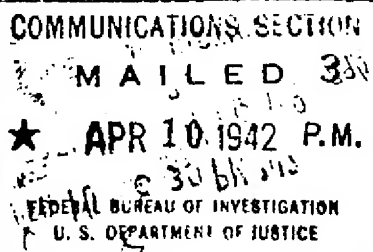
With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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EXCLUSIVE TO: WALTER WINCHELL

October 3, 1941

To Hoover

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A guy by the name of [REDACTED] (he's supposed to be a Baron) from [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is one of the money men behind America First. <sup>emancipates</sup> He is also a member of the Steuben Society.

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0 American Trial Comm.

Gentlemen:- If you want to know how Germany obtained Mr. Roosevelt's letter to Stalin, just shadow Wheeler. This is not the first time he has obtained inside information.

ack 10/21/41

This is an opportunity you will never get again to connect the Nazi Nyc. Wheeler & Lindbergh with their Nazi Masters.

I have long been convinced that FBI should find the men behind these false fronts.

I rec'd a speech in a franked Wheeler. Unfortunately this information will be of no use to you, because

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more literature. I also  
rec'd a 7 literature from Nye,  
which I destroyed.  
We have several thousand square  
miles of Germans in N.D. & it  
is to these Germans that Nye owe  
his seat in the Senate.

gentlemen, our time is short.  
get after these men & discredi-  
them before the American people  
before it is too late. our  
turn to become slaves of Hitler  
is coming - sooner than  
The time is short.

The F.B.I. is the finest organization  
in all America - I thank you for  
your unceasing vigilance & am behind  
you 100%. Sincerely  
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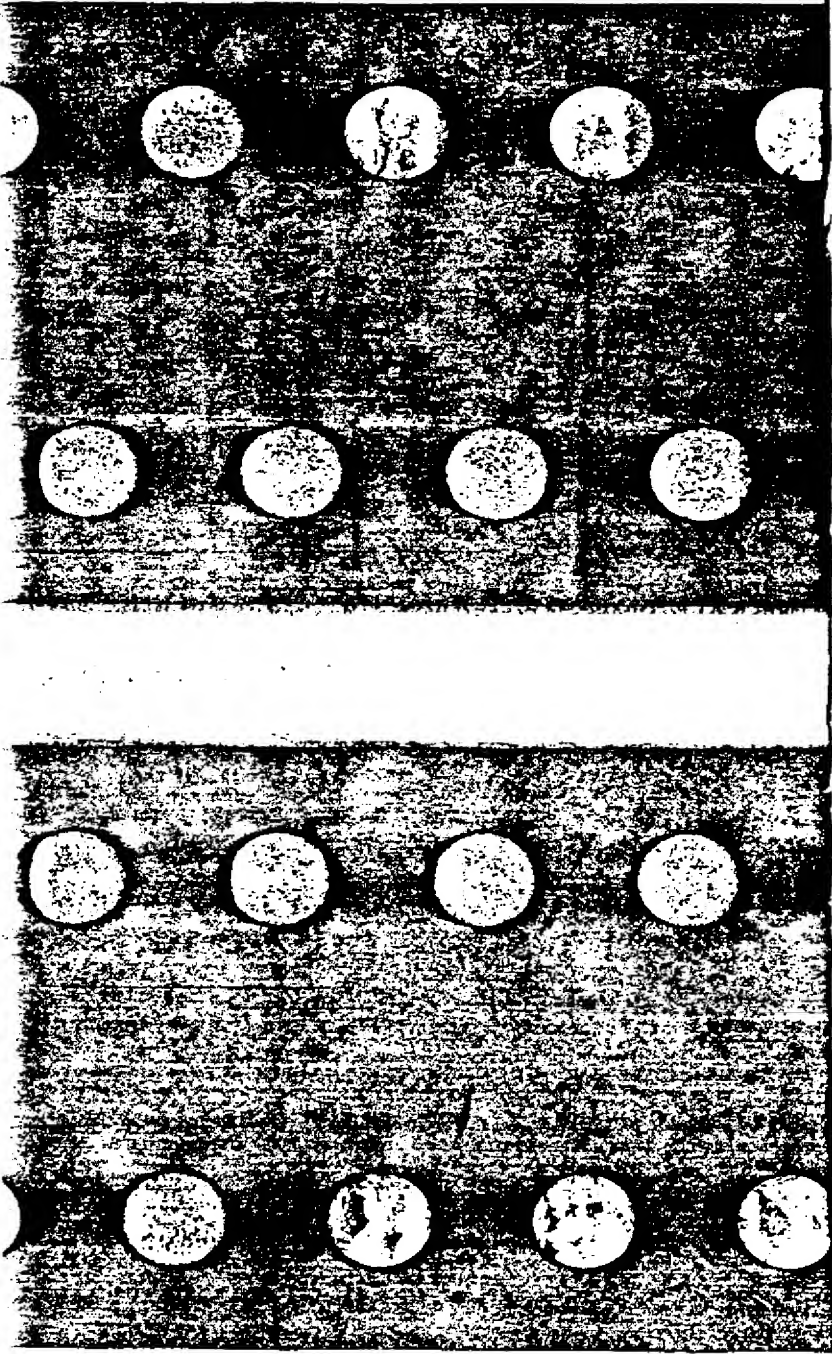
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October 21, 1941

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 9, 1941, which was also signed by [REDACTED]

Please be advised the content of your communication has been carefully noted and made a matter of permanent record in the official files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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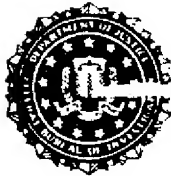
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
**Washington, D. C.**

September 27, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: <sup>0</sup>AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

This is to advise that on September 23, 1941, Special Agent in Charge, R. B. Hood, of the Los Angeles Office informed by letter that while recently with Attorney General Francis Biddle in Los Angeles it was requested by Mr. Biddle that arrangements be made to have a Special Agent of his office attend the America First rally to be held in Los Angeles, California, on either October 1 or 2, at which time Senator Burton K. Wheeler of Montana is to speak. The Attorney General stated that he would like to be advised as to the size of this group and its reactions to Senator Wheeler's statements.

Special Agent in Charge Hood advises that the matter will be handled in accordance with the Attorney General's request, and that the Bureau will be immediately notified concerning the same in order that a report may be furnished to the Attorney General.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice

Post Office Box #2344  
Boston, Massachusetts

October 13, 1941

Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Re: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:

As a matter of interest to the Bureau, I am incorporating below a report [REDACTED]

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Very truly yours,

V. W. PETERSON  
Special Agent in Charge

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United States Department of Justice  
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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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RE: AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Dear Sir:

The Evening World-Herald, Omaha, October 14, 1941, carried an item reflecting that the Omaha City Council on that date had taken under advisement a request from FRANK C. WARD, Chairman of the Omaha Chapter of the America First Committee, to use one of the municipal courtrooms in the city hall for the Committee's meetings one night a week. The motion to take the request under advisement was offered by Commissioner HARRY TRUSTIN. In the request of the Council, WARD said the Committee is "not a political organization, or anti-Semitic," but is a group of "patriotic Christian Americans whose only desire and hope" is to "keep America out of war."

For the Bureau's information, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he telephonically inquired of me as to what the attitude of the FBI would be toward granting permission for the use of a municipal courtroom, or toward refusing permission. He was tactfully informed by me that the FBI did not desire to make any statement in the matter and that the decision should rest entirely with the Council.

[REDACTED] desired to know whether we had any information in our files indicating that FRANK C. WARD, Chairman of the Omaha Chapter, had subversive tendencies. I told him that if we had any such information, it would be confidential. [REDACTED] said he realized that, but he thought there would be no harm in inquiring about WARD.

[REDACTED] said that at this time the Council is undecided as to whether permission will be granted for the use of the courtroom, but that it would probably refuse to do so.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Stein  
Special Agent in Charge

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The Honorable  
The Postmaster General  
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Postmaster General:

I am transmitting herewith a copy of a letter dated October 16, 1941, and its original enclosures, received in this Bureau from [REDACTED] which does not appear relevant to any matter within the investigative jurisdiction of this Bureau, but which may be of some interest to you.

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The correspondent has been advised of this reference.

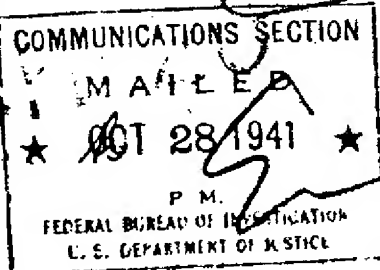
Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
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Dear Sir:—

Inclosed find inclosure which I believe  
is my duty as an American to place in  
your hands.

First I call your attention to the free  
franking privilege of Robert A. Taft. Note  
the Post office stamp, Davenport, Iowa. The  
maker two of these free franking envelopes  
that I have received.

These are being circulated by Robt. A. Taft  
920, Grand Ave, Davenport Iowa.  
Are any U. S. Senators allowed to do this?

Respectfully yours

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CHICAGO CHAPTER OF AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE  
GEN. ROBT. E. WOOD, National Acting  
Chairman

122 South Michigan Avenue  
Telephone Wabash 5473-5474  
CHICAGO

OF ENCLOSURE

October 9, 1941

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Mr. Robert N. Carson suggested that I send you the enclosed copy of John Flynn's bulletin "Can Hitler Invade America". I know that you will find it factual as well as interesting.

Sincerely,

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Dear [REDACTED]

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The facts contained in your communication dated October 16, 1941, do not appear to constitute a violation of any Federal Statute coming within the investigative jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

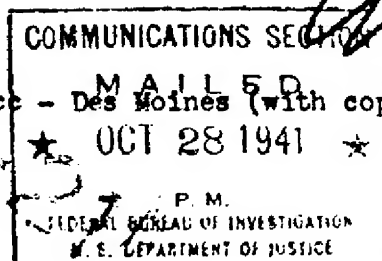
These facts may, however, be of interest to The Honorable, The Postmaster General, Washington, D. C., and accordingly I have today referred your communication and its original enclosures to him for any attention deemed appropriate.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

New York, N. Y.,

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October 18, 1941

"The Hour" reports:

The America First Committee is sending to its various branch chapters a confi-  
dential memorandum on "The Coming Elections." The memorandum advises that Committee men  
must maintain the fiction that the organization is a non-political body;

"Any position taken by the America First Committee in partisan  
politics would only weaken our cause, not strengthen it. ...  
While no citizen can fail to be interested in the mayoralty  
election going on in New York at the present time, we must be  
sure that no support of any candidate be interpreted as America  
First activity."

The following instructions remove the mask from the "non-political" work of the  
Committee, aimed at strengthening the appeasement forces;

"In the important elections of this autumn and next year, every  
America First member should take pains to inform himself of the  
various candidates' position on foreign policy and be prepared as  
an enrolled voter to cast his vote for those non-interventionist  
candidates who are in other respects qualified for the offices  
they seek."

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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

Henry Paynter of OPM called to advise that he had talked to you a few days ago with reference to Floyd Odum's desire to secure a list of the members of the America First Committee to compare them against the employees in his office. You at that time told him that we did not have such a list.

He again raised the question as to whether we had any lists which could be made available. I said we did not. He then stated that he understood that if we did have it would be necessary to make a request in writing. I told him that naturally anything coming from the files of the Bureau would have to be officially requested. He stated that this would be satisfactory; that Odum just doesn't know his way around as yet.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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Sep 20, -

Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
President of the United States,  
White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President;

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Out of curiosity, a friend of mine, [REDACTED] and I went to a meeting of the America First Committee held at Mechanics Building in Boston, Thursday evening, Sept. 25, 1941. It was open to the public. It had large signs stating free admission, no charge, all welcome.

I am a believer in free speech and democracy such as you believe in. But, Mr. President, what I heard at that meeting is, I believe, a determined effort on the part of such men, as Senator Nye, Rush Holt and all their followers, to so abuse the privilege and freedom of free speech, that they are trying to force the issue out in the open to have you and the officials in Washington do something drastic to prevent free speech and then blame you.

There were wild statements made by Rush Holt and Senator Nye to an audience of about 9000 people. In my opinion, there were at least 8500 of that number of them of Irish descent, who booed wildly every time the names of Wendell Wilkie, Churchill, Halifax, Dorothy Thompson, Walter Winchell and others who are not in line with them, and your name, Mr. President, was also booed.

Senator Nye stated of the brutality of Joe Stalin and the British Empire, for which he received tremendous applause condemning their brutality. But, when Hitler's name was mentioned, there was hardly a ripple from the audience. Senator Nye stated that Hitler could never come over here, - it was an idle dream of the interventionists.

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Senator Nye asked the audience if they approved everything that Charles Lindbergh said two weeks ago at Des Moines, Iowa; they yelled and applauded almost 100% and even stood on their seats to say Yes.

I believe Senator Nye found a perfect audience for his followers in Boston. They are also the followers of Fatheroughlin's social justice cause as they all seemed to have the book on social justice which is edited by him.

He stated you and your followers couldn't lick the depression so you found a good excuse for a lend-lease programme to get us into war. In fact, the speakers talked disgraceful and the audience was the same category.

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My main point in writing to you, Mr. President, is that our Congress and your officials in Washington could pass a law prohibiting the collection of money, such as I witnessed during the evening whereby thousands of dollars were collected from the poor suckers as I would call them; for the America First Committee and that same money is being paid out to such great patriots as Holt and Senator Nye for making unpatriotic speeches.

I am pretty sure there would be no more patriotic speeches by these great patriots who represent the America First Committee. I believe it is illegal to advertise free admission to all, then fool them by making collections. As long as collections will be made, the so-called patriots will never stop talking. It is nothing but a racket.

I also wish to state that the chairman of that meeting, when he asked for contributions, stated that the usual amount given by the people in the audiences everywhere is fifty cents each. The only objection I have to this racket is that it is causing to incite race hatred and prejudice.

They were told by Senator Nye that Hitler being in America wouldn't be any worse than having it controlled by the British Empire.

Will be pleased to have you confirm this letter.

Respectfully yours,

[Redacted signature block]

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Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
President of the United States,  
White House, Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 30, 1941.

Respectfully referred to the  
Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
the Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
for attention.

EDWIN M. WATSON  
Secretary to the President

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
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Mr. Nichols	✓
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**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MATTHEW P. MCQUIRE  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**

I am transmitting herewith for whatever consideration deemed appropriate copies of a letter dated September 26, 1941, addressed to this Bureau by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] concerning a meeting of the America First Committee at Mechanics Building in Boston, September 25, 1941. The letter was referred to this Bureau by the White House and you are advised that the communication has not been acknowledged by me.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

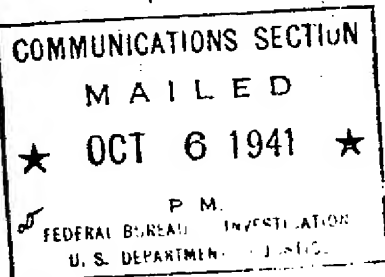
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1. That the America First Committee was set up because of hatred of President Roosevelt and that the purpose was to do everything possible to embarrass him in any way possible;
2. The fact that Mrs. Wheeler, the wife of the Senator, Colonel McCormick, owner of the Tribune, and Harry Jung, head of the American Vigilante Intelligence Federation, are using the America First Committee as a sounding board for anti-Jewish propaganda;
3. The fact that the America First Committee has a lobby strictly anti-Roosevelt in Washington, D. C. This lobby is alleged to be composed of William Castle, Alice Langworth, John L. Lewis and General Hugh S. Johnson.

It is stated that this group has as its "base enemy" President Roosevelt and that as a consequence anything he attempts to undertake concerning war or Britain will be attacked by the America First Committee.

This group is stated to be cooperating with every branch of anti-war groups, such as the International Red Aid, Christian Front, anti-British groups, radical Catholic groups and every pacifist group in the country.

September 22, 1941

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**PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER**

Major General Edwin M. Watson  
Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Watson:

There is being transmitted herewith a memorandum of this date containing information received from a confidential source concerning the America First Committee. This material is being submitted to supplement the previous information concerning this group forwarded to Honorable Stephen Early, Secretary to the President, on March 1, 1941, in accordance with his request of February 21, 1941.

No attempt has been made to definitely substantiate the information contained in the attached memorandum.

These data are being made available to the President and you in order that you may be kept currently advised in matters of this kind.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

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I have been hearing quite a lot about the American First Committee in our city and other places and I have been wondering just what it is all about. I have never seen any literature on it.

Would you advise one to join any of these peace movements? I have heard that many of them are backed by the Nazis. Is that true? I believe in working for peace, but I want to know really and truly that I am working for it and not being misled

Enclosed is a stamped, self-addressed envelope for your convenience. And thank you for a reply.

Yours very truly,

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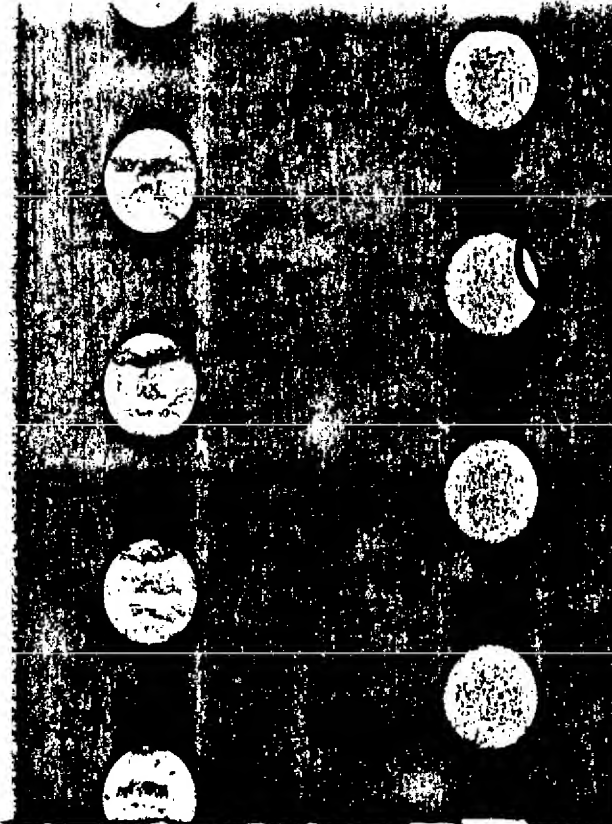
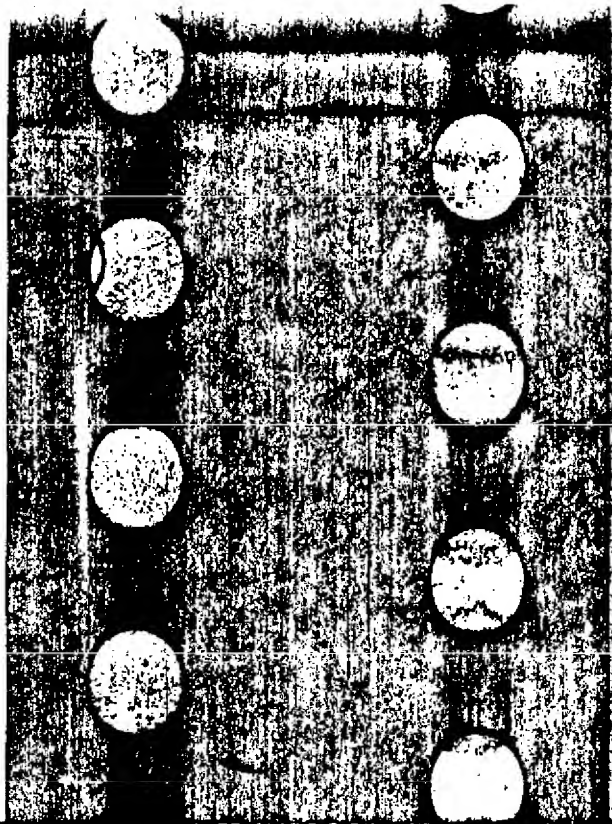
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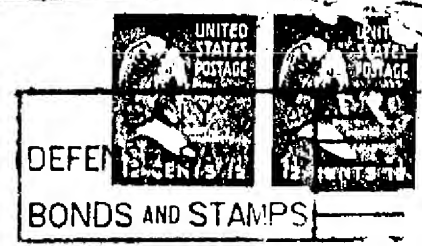
P. S. I want this information not only for myself but for a group of young people.





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Dear [REDACTED]

I desire to acknowledge receipt of your communication dated October 20, 1941, with enclosure.

With respect to your inquiry I regret that I must advise that I am precluded from offering any suggestions by virtue of a well-established policy of the Department of Justice. I know you will appreciate my position in this matter.

I am returning herewith the self-addressed stamped envelope which you so thoughtfully provided.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Time 11:25 A.M.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

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[REDACTED], called.  
[REDACTED] America First Committee,  
to explain to you that they are pro-American, not pro-German or  
anything else and that she wanted to go on record as being perfectly  
willing at any and all times to have us go through their records.  
She stated they have nothing whatever to conceal, that if it is  
ever necessary for their files to be looked into, she wanted some-  
one who knows what this is all about to go through them rather than  
"some smart-alec young lawyer". She stated they feel it is to  
their best interest to be in the clear at all times and so conduct  
their business. She wants the FBI to feel perfectly free to call  
on them at any time for any information they may have and stated  
they desire to cooperate with the government in every way. I  
thanked [REDACTED] for calling and told her that I would convey  
her message to you.

Respectfully,

*D. M. Ladd*  
D. M. Ladd

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. D. M. LADD

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At 10:10 P.M., October 3, 1941, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] called by long distance telephone to inquire if the Bureau could not do something about Colonel Lindbergh. He had particular reference to a radio broadcast he had just heard made by Charles Lindbergh from Fort Wayne, Indiana, in which, [REDACTED] stated, several derogatory remarks about the President of the United States were made. [REDACTED] states he resented these remarks greatly and wanted to be "on record" as protesting against them. [REDACTED]

Inasmuch as the undersigned, in the regular pursuit of his duties as night supervisor, had not been listening to the radio and also ignorant of the text, circumstances or any details or any radio broadcast which Charles Lindbergh may have made on the night of October 3, 1941, the undersigned assured [REDACTED] that along the course of events, this speech would probably come to the Bureau's attention and that if it should involve any violation of Federal Law over which the Bureau had investigative jurisdiction, appropriate action would be taken. [REDACTED] stated he hoped to hear from the Bureau in this regard.

Attached hereto is a newspaper account of a radio broadcast made by Colonel Charles Lindbergh on the night of October 3, 1941, at Fort Wayne, Indiana, to which [REDACTED] doubtless had reference.

Respectfully,

*E. T. Cannon*  
E. T. Cannon

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## Denial of Right To Vote Feared By Lindbergh

Even 1942 Election  
May Be Suspended,  
He Warns in Indiana

By the United Press

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 3.—Charles A. Lindbergh charged tonight that President Roosevelt was moving toward suspension of the 1942 national elections.

He said that "one man" government already had plunged the country into undeclared warfare and deprived the people of their democratic heritage.

"I shall speak to you tonight as though this were my last address," Lindbergh told an America First rally and a national radio (NBC Blue Network) audience. "How much longer free speech will be possible in the United States, I do not know."

He said he feared that an administration which had thrown the Nation "into undeclared naval war" against the will of the people "can by similar means prevent freedom of speech among us."

### Charges "Smear Campaigns"

"If the time comes when we can no longer meet face to face, as free men in a free country, we will meet together at the elections next year and, by our vote, clasp hands, though we be a thousand miles apart," he declared. "But what if there are no elections next year?"

Abrogation of the right to vote, Lindbergh asserted, "may not be many steps ahead" on the course pursued by President Roosevelt.

"The time has come," he said, "when we must consider even that."

## Wheeler Heckler Ejected



Associated Press WIREPHOTO  
**DRAGGED FROM AUDITORIUM**—As his wife vigorously protested, a man who attempted to heckle Senator Burton K. Wheeler during the latter's address Thursday night at a rally of the Southern California America First Committee was ejected from the auditorium by a Los Angeles policeman

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... and the Roosevelt Administration as major "agitators for

of his statements had been disproved.

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TITLE

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Principles, pledge, names of National and Philadelphia officers of Subject Committee set out, and sample questionnaire sponsored by America First Committee, together with resume of meetings held indicate instant organization to be pacifistic in nature.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent [redacted] dated 5/23/41 at Philadelphia, Pa.

DETAILS: The reference report of Special Agent [redacted] set out a review of the files of the [redacted] relative to meetings which have been held in the city of Philadelphia by the America First Committee, and which had been attended by [redacted]. This report reflects the speakers and activities of a meeting held on March 21, 1941 at the Walton Hotel, Broad and Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

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organization reflected the fact that on April 29, 1941 the America First Committee obtained a permit to conduct a meeting in the Walton Hotel, Broad and Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the meeting was attended by members of the Committee who had been invited by postal cards mailed out by the officers of the Committee. b7D

[REDACTED] the meeting was begun at 8 P. M. and opened by ISAAC PENNYPACKER and that the principal speaker of the evening was JOHN E. LISTER, both of whom, [REDACTED] are active in the Philadelphia Branch of the America First Committee. [REDACTED] the meeting was attended by approximately 300 persons, and he stated that both the speakers mentioned above spoke at length criticizing the President of the United States for his reference to CHARLES A. LINDBERGH as a "Copperhead". These speakers also advised their listeners that it was imperative that the Committee obtain more members to aid in the fight which they intended to wage against this country's convoying merchant ships to the war zone. b7D b7D

It was at this meeting that some member of the audience suggested that CHARLES A. LINDBERGH be brought to Philadelphia to address the Philadelphia Branch of the America First Committee.

The Bureau was advised by letter under date of June 10, 1941 that on the evening of May 29, 1941 COL. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH, along with United States Senator DAVID I. WALSH and novelist KATHLEEN NORRIS, were the principal speakers in a meeting of the America First Committee held at the Arena, 46th and Market Streets, Philadelphia, Pa. This meeting was attended by Special Agents of the Philadelphia Field Division, who reported that the Arena was filled to capacity and that there were about 500 people who could not gain admission to the Arena who were in the street adjoining the Arena, listening to the speakers through loudspeakers.

At this meeting the above speakers made quite a point of the fact that the National Radio Corporation had refused the facilities of their broadcasting systems for a nation-wide broadcast of the meeting, and stated that everything possible was being done to prevent the America First Committee from presenting their views to the American people.



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Although there was much cheering of the talks given by LINDBERGH, WALSH and NORRIS, each time the President's name was mentioned a loud "Boo" went up from the crowd.

Relative to this same meeting held on May 29, 1941 at the Arena, the Philadelphia Field Division is in receipt of a communication [REDACTED] b7D

On August 20, 1941 the America First Committee held a rally in Town Hall, 150 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pa., at which HAMILTON FISH, Congressman from New York, was the principal speaker. Representative FISH spoke for about an hour and five minutes, going into detail on numerous instances of his past activities and on world affairs, emphasizing particularly the fact that President Roosevelt's sons had been given commissions as officers in the armed forces of this country without any previous military training whatever.

Representative FISH stated that ELLIOTT ROOSEVELT, who holds a Captain's commission in the U. S. Marines was sent to Africa to look the situation over and had later assured the British full co-operation from the United States, with statements that this country is practically in the war now.

Representative FISH also brought up the subject of invasion of the United States by the Nazis and told how preposterous an idea this was.

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stated that the rally began about 8 P.M. with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner". [REDACTED] stated that after Congressman FISH had finished his talk, he was confronted with eleven questions propounded by the Philadelphia Unit of the "Fight for Freedom Committee" which questions covered his public affairs for the past four years.

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The second speaker on this program was JOHN E. LISTER, a member of the Directing Committee of the America First Committee, who gave the result of a poll which had been taken in the Philadelphia area by the America First Committee. [REDACTED] stated that Mr. LISTER advised that approximately 6,090 people were interviewed for this poll, and there is being set out herein a copy of this poll. b7D

"To whom this may Concern:

"This poll was taken under the auspices of the Philadelphia America First Committee. The general membership was engaged as interviewers. The poll was taken among non-members and thus eliminated the group with the strongest bias in the area.

"The Committee feels that because of the care with which this poll was taken, the large sampling, and the more than adequate adjustment for error, it can be recommend the results as accurate.

Signed, John E. Lister  
Poll Compiler.

" PUBLIC OPINION POLL FOR PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY

PURPOSE

This poll was taken by the Philadelphia America First Directing Committee for the purpose of finding what the actual sentiment of the area was on the questions herein included. It was intended that results be used as an aid to the Directing Committee in deciding future policy and future courses of action. It was not taken with a view to publication.

RESULTS

It was the request of a great number of persons, both members and non-members, that brought about this publication.

SCOPE

This poll was conducted in the First to the Eight Congressional Districts of Pennsylvania inclusive and the Seventeenth Congressional District. Adult citizens over 21 years of age were the subjects. It covered in proportion all ages, sexes, races and economic classes in the area.

"6,090 adult persons were interviewed in the course of the investigation. The area represents an adult citizen population of approximately 800,000 persons.

METHOD

The interviews were made by the members of the America First Committee in the areas indicated, by Direct interview of the person answering. An additional 800 persons were interviewed by professional interviewers in order to check the differential between the professional sampling and the member sampling.

On the following page an exact copy of questions and answers can be found.

TABULATION AND CERTIFICATION

The poll was tabulated by John E. Lister, a member of the Directing Committee. All uncertified and irregular questionnaires were rejected.

Question No. 1

When you voted for Roosevelt or Willkie, in the 1940 election, did you expect your candidate to keep us out of the Foreign wars?

67 1/10% answered Yes  
10 5/10% answered No  
22 4/10% held no view.

Question No. 2

Do you think the President's moves since his election are apt to take us into a foreign war?

72% answered Yes  
8% answered No  
20% held no view.

Question No. 3.

Do you believe the American people could and would defend their country against attack by any Foreign power?

80 4/10% answered Yes  
4 % answered No  
15 6/10% held no view.

Question No. 4

Do you think the United States should now make war against Germany.

7 1/10% answered Yes  
75 1/10% answered No  
17 8/10% held no view.

Question No. 5

Do you think the preservation of the British Empire and its fleet necessary to the welfare of the United States.

15 5/10% answered Yes  
58 3/10% answered No  
26 2/10% held no view.

Question No. 6

Do you think your own economic welfare or livelihood depends upon Britain's victory in the present war?

14 3/10% answered Yes  
66 5/10% answered No  
19 2/10% held no view."

[REDACTED] the third speaker of the evening was KERR DODGE, former Director of Public Safety of Philadelphia. Mr. DODGE spoke on the folly of aiding Russia in the present war when previous to her entry into the war, the United States had spent millions of dollars investigating the Communists. He stated that during the conflict between Russia and Finland nearly everyone sided with Finland who was fighting Communism, and he stated that now these same people are criticizing Finland because it is allied with Russia. *ay*

[REDACTED] there were approximately 2500 persons attending this rally, the majority of whom were German, and many of whom were conversing in their native tongue. *b7D*

The Philadelphia Field Division, along with the above report was furnished with a copy of a pamphlet entitled "Can Hitler Cripple American Economy?" This pamphlet was stamped: America First Committee, Philadelphia, 34 S. 17th Street, Rittenhouse 9828. This pamphlet sets forth the principles of the America First Committee as follows:

PRINCIPLES OF AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

1. Our first aim is to keep America out of foreign wars. War would only destroy democracy, not save it. "The path to war is a false path to freedom."
2. Not by acts of war abroad but by preserving and extending democracy at home can we aid democracy and freedom in other lands.
3. In 1917 we sent ships into the war zone and this led us to war. In 1941 we must keep our naval convoys and merchant vessels on this side of the Atlantic.
4. We must build a defense, for our own shores, so strong that no foreign power or combination of powers can invade our country, by sea, air or land.
5. Humanitarian aid is the duty of a strong country at peace. With proper safeguard for the distribution of supplies, we should feed and clothe the suffering and needy people of England, the other democracies and the occupied countries.

The back of the above mentioned pamphlet sets out the membership pledge of the America First Committee, which is as follows:

"I hereby enroll as a member of the America First Committee in order to help keep our country out of foreign war. I am a patriotic American citizen. I am not affiliated in any way with any foreign power."

Philadelphia Field Division File No. 100-3731 entitled [REDACTED] advises that under date of June 24, 1941 Mr. b7c  
P. E. FOXWORTH of the Bureau telephonically advised that the Vice President had directed a letter to the Attorney General, indicating [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was active in the America First Committee in the City of Philadelphia [REDACTED] about the value of this Committee.

Mr. FOXWORTH requested that a discreet investigation be conducted relative to this matter. Under date of June 27, 1941 Special Agent [REDACTED] Philadelphia Field Division submitted a report relative to [REDACTED] and his connection with the America First Committee. [REDACTED] subsequently furnished Agent [REDACTED] with a pamphlet giving b7c

the National officers of the America First Committee. These are as follows:

NATIONAL COMMITTEE  
AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE

Gen. ROBERT E. WOOD	Chairman
JANET AYER FAIRBANK	Vice Chairman
HANFORD MACNIDER	Vice Chairman
R. DOUGLAS STUART, JR.	Director
J. SANFORD LOTIS	Treasurer

CHESTER BOWLES  
Advertising Executive, New York City

DR. ANTON J. CARLSON  
Head of Department of Physiology,  
University of Chicago

WILLIAM R. CASTLE  
Former under-Secretary of State

Mrs. BENNETT C. CLARK  
Of Missouri and Washington, D. C.

IRVIN S. COBB

Author  
JOHN T. FLYNN

Author  
LILLIAN GISH

Actress  
BISHOP W. HAMMAKER  
Methodist, of Denver, Colorado

GEN. T. S. HAMMOND  
Manufacturer

JAY C. HORMEL  
Meat Packer

GEN. HUGH S. JOHNSON  
Columnist

CLAY JUDSON  
Lawyer

KATHRYN LEWIS  
Labor Union Executive

CHARLES A. LINDBERGH

ALICE R. LONGFORTH  
Civic Leader

FRANK O. LOWDEN  
Former Governor of Illinois

Mrs. J. P. MARQUAND  
of New York City

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THOMAS N. McCARTER  
Industrialist, N. J.  
RAY MCKAIG  
Farm Leader, Idaho  
STERLING MORTON  
Industrialist  
KATHLEEN NORRIS  
Novelist  
AMOS R. A. PINCHOT  
Lawyer  
WILLIAM L. REGNERY  
Manufacturer and Philanthropist  
E. L. RYERSON, JR.  
Industrialist - Civic Leader  
LOUIS J. FABER  
Master of National Grange  
MRS. B. K. WHEELER  
of Montana and Washington, D. C.  
DR. GEORGE H. WHIPPLE  
Nobel Prize Winner in Medicine, 1934  
MAJOR A. J. WILLIAMS  
Aviation Expert

Under date of September 28, 1941 Special Agent [REDACTED] b7c  
Philadelphia Field Division, ascertained [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] that the Philadelphia leaders of the  
America First Committee were as follows:

AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE  
Philadelphia Branch

34 S. 17th Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

ISAAC A. PENNYPACKER  
MARY W. MORRIS  
IRENE THORN MURPHY  
CHARLES WILLING

Chairman  
Vice Chairman  
Executive Secretary  
Treasurer

Dr. ADOLPHUS W. ANDERSON  
JOSEPH F. N. BALDI, II  
W. RICHARDSON BLAIR  
Col. MILLARD D. BROWN  
Mrs. SIEDLEY D. BUTLER  
JOSEPH N. CORCORAN  
KERN DODGE

Mrs. J. WISTAR EVANS  
JOHN B. GUEST  
Mrs. FRANCIS V. GOWEN  
Mrs. WILLIAM E. GREGORY  
EMILY G. HOPKINSON  
JOHN E. LISTER  
THOMAS RIDGWAY

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[REDACTED] Special Agent [REDACTED] obtained a form letter written on the America First Committee letterhead stationery signed by ISAAC A. PENNYPACKER, Chairman of the America First Committee. This letter is herein set out: b7D b7C

"Dear Fellow-American:

"...At least one of the three foremost speakers for the America First cause will come to Philadelphia for a large mass meeting at an early date.

"...Had hoped to hold such meeting in September, but Lindbergh, Nye and Wheeler, one of whom we wanted, were scheduled in other parts of the country.

"...Col. Lindbergh said the Phila. rally on May 29th was one of the best. The next public meeting must be equally impressive for the sake of its effect upon Congress and public opinion.

"...\$5,000. to cover rent of hall, printing, advertising, clerical help, etc., is needed. As you know, the services of all our officers and workers, excepting two office stenographers, are freely given.

"...\$5,000. must be raised within two weeks.

"...Contribute generously..."

Sincerely yours,

ISAAC A. PENNYPACKER  
Chairman  
Philadelphia Chapter "

[REDACTED], advised that a meeting had been held by the America First Committee on the second floor of Energetic Hall, 1802 S. Broad Street, [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] He stated that the meeting was called to order at 8.40 P.M. by Mr. KELLY, who introduced W. RICHARDSON ELAIR, Southampton, Pa., who was the first speaker of the evening. b7D b7C



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BLAIR stated during his speech that the America First Committee was not against aid to Britain, but against aid to Russia. He quoted Rear Admiral COOK, who had stated that the United States was absolutely safe from any invasion. Mr. BLAIR stated that the U. S. Navy was powerful enough now for any exigency and that if the Government would build up our air force instead of giving our goods away, we would have nothing to fear from invasion from anyone.

Mr. BLAIR stated that he was going to organize a "mail brigade", writing to congressmen to protest the Lend-Lease Bill getting out of hand and the present Governmental administration program in Lend-Lease matters. He stated that there was to be set up a Legal Defense Section in the Central Committee of the America First Committee for the defense of members who were afraid to write letters.

Mr. JOHN M. LISTER, 620 Manoa Road, Philadelphia, was the third speaker on the program.

[REDACTED] the meeting, which had been held in an orderly manner, adjourned at 9.30 P.M. b7D

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE PHILADELPHIA FIELD DIVISION

AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Will check the names of the Philadelphia America First Committee members as set out on Page 9 of this report, through the indices of the Philadelphia Field Division for information which might be obtained relative to any un-American sympathies reflected therein for these individuals.

Will report the activities of Special Agents in future meetings of this organization in Philadelphia.

P E N D I N G

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October 17, 1941

Mr. Edward F. Austin  
Editor-in-Chief  
San Diego Union  
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Austin:

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DATE 5/8/86 BY SP-6 bja/tey

My attention has been called to the news items which appeared in the San Diego Union on October 4, and October 7, with reference to the allegations that the FBI has tapped the telephone wires of the America First Committee. I have also noted the statements of Mr. Frank C. Farrell which are quoted in the San Diego Union on October 7, to the effect that he did not refer to the America First Committee Office in San Diego, and the statement by Mr. Abbey wherein he said, "I don't think the FBI office has been instructed to tap them." Mr. Abbey then goes on to state that "Earl C. Jeffery, national director of field operations, told us they had tapped wires and checked up on mail at Washington."

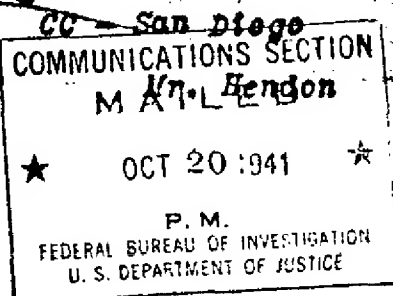
In this connection, I wish to advise that the FBI has not tapped the telephones of the America First Committee in San Diego or anywhere else and has not scrutinized membership lists and any statement to this effect is an unmitigated lie.

Very truly yours,

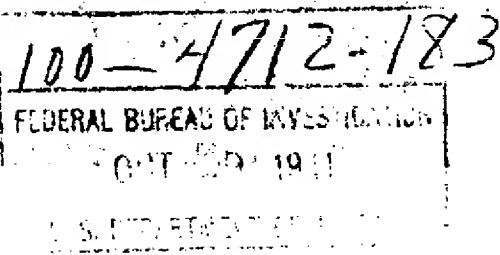
J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Drayton \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_



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Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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DATE 5/8/86 BY SP6 bja/ta

Dear Sir:

There are being enclosed herewith for both  
the Bureau and the Omaha Field Division, two copies  
each of an anonymous chain letter addressed: "TO  
AMERICAN GENTILES" and signed "A 100% PRO-AMERICAN,"  
which was furnished to this office by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Office of the Assistant Chief  
of Staff, G-2, Headquarters Sixth Corps Area, Chicago,  
Illinois.

According to [REDACTED]  
this chain letter was being circulated in the Sixth  
Corps Area.

Very truly yours,

*A. H. Johnson*

A. H. JOHNSON,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure  
cc - Omaha (enc.)

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To American Gentiles:

The Jews are crucifying Colonel Lindbergh as they crucified Christ, and for the same reason - Speaking the Truth.

Lindbergh did not preach intolerance. He did not preach Anti-Semitism. He merely stated the Fact that the Jews are one of the main forces pushing Americans into the European War. He preached "Pro-Americanism."

Immediately, the paid Jewish "Gentile Fronts" like the hypocrite, Wilkie, and the paid Jewish "Gentile Front" press, radio, pulpit and movie leap to attack Lindbergh, screaming "religious intolerance."

None deny Lindbergh's stated fact. Instead they call names to create a smoke screen and to divert attention from the real issue.

It is time to WAKE UP AND LEARN THE FACTS about subversive un-American Jewish activities BEFORE TOO LATE.

Send Fifty Cents to Rev. Frank W. Johnson, 2304 Fontenelle Bove., Omaha, Nebr., for a copy of "The Octopus."

Write Congressman J. Thorndson, House Office Building, Washington, D.C. for a copy of his speeches, "Steps Toward British Union; A World State; and International Strife."

These publications will OPEN YOUR EYES. Christian "tolerance" that refuses to fact facts ceases to be tolerance and becomes plain cowardice.

Send a copy of this entire letter to at least ten of your "Gentile friends. Maintain and extend the chain. DO IT NOW.

Don't sign your letters. To do so places you open to the same kind of "smear" campaign Lindbergh is receiving at the hands of Organized Jewry in this land of "Christian Tolerance" through their "Gentile Fronts."

If they don't know who you are, their paid "Gentile Fronts" can't scream at you and "smear" you. The Jews don't come out in the open, so beat them at their own game.

In the meantime, American Gentiles will learn the facts and stop the Jewish move to push Americans into the European War.

A 100% PRO-AMERICAN.

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Gentlemen: I picked  
up in a telephone  
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There may be thousands  
of them lying around

It looks Sublime

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Norristown, Pennsylvania

"An American Newspaper Since 1799"

## 'War Is England's; She Asked For It' Col. Kuznik Tells New York Audience

New Rochelle, N. Y., Sept. 30.—"This is England's war, she asked for it and it is definitely her war" and the United States should not only keep its manpower out of it but also refuse to pay for it, Colonel J. V. Kuznik, a retired U. S. Army officer, told a large and enthusiastic audience last evening at an America First rally held in the Knights of Columbus hall here.

Pointing out that President Roosevelt has completely forgotten his campaign promises to keep us out of war and was rapidly pushing America into actual participation in the European struggle, Colonel Kuznik urged his hearers to raise their voices and pens in protest to the National Administration, members of Congress and others in authority against further steps toward United States' involvement.

Colonel Kuznik declared England is spending daily nearly 50 million dollars of American taxpayers' money in its war campaign and also wants United States to finance Russia in its war program and all this enormous expense for a war that is purely England's and not ours.

Colonel Kuznik's speech was as follows:

The question as to whose war this is, has not yet been established to the entire satisfaction of some of the people, so let us take stock of what evidence we have, not circumstantial, or highly improbable, but, as befits the gravity of the situation and its possible effects upon, not merely the present, but many future generations of our people, evidence based upon reason and justice.

You, fellow Americans, are both the jury and judge in this tragic case of 80 per cent of the people versus the Administration and the 20 per cent minority. I mention the Administration advisedly, and want to draw your attention to the distinction between it and government. The latter is the permanent organization of National activities and is based upon the provisions of our Constitution, Bill of Rights and the laws of the land as established by acts of Congress. It

self-styled patriot, Swindle Willie. Yes, my friends, this once barefooted country lad said this in his acceptance speech at Elwood, where he acquired the rugged American individualism he later so readily discarded in Wall Street. The messiah of unity who travels about the country, all expenses paid, braying forth his silly exhortation to follow the leader. Apparently he does not know that we have no leader, since the great majority of the flock are going in the opposite direction and until he makes himself our dictator, he will get from the patriotic Americans no support for his violently anglophile and entirely unAmerican schemes to bury his nine years of dismal domestic failures underneath the bleeding corpses of millions of our sons.

This testimonial against the head of the administration is interesting, because some one said a few days ago, that the Administration is one of three groups who are joint owners of this war, and there was an undignified scramble to deny the allegation: Unfortunately, this perfectly correct analysis did not reveal the reasons why, in sufficient detail, and I will attempt to give you facts, which this splendid American no doubt believed to be self-evident.

To begin with, always bear in mind, and never forget, that England declared war upon Germany in September 1939, dragging into this butchery an unready France and endangering the existence of the buffer countries of Norway, Belgium and Holland.

### 'Definitely England's War'

When the dogs of war were let loose, our administration immediately set about doing everything possible, legislatively and otherwise, to assure both belligerents of our strict neutrality. The occasional rumors of possible war encouragement given by our so-called diplomats to Poland and France, were most energetically denied. In short, we would have nothing to do with this foreign feud. The nation was definitely neutral. We were not afraid of "Mein Kampf" which had been in circulation for 16 years. We were not afraid of a Hitler invasion. Our general staff was not excited about the war which they knew would involve all of Europe and

ion, if he... people cheerfully consented to loose bill, had already shut eyes to the illegal transfer of na. craft by executive order, and reluctantly accepted the occupation c Greenland. All because the administration declared these violations of international law to be measures to to secure peace to the people; however, since the President stated that convoys meant shooting and shooting means war, the New Deal jokers, for delivering to Britain of let loose articles, were removed from the stacked deck, by a few shrewd fair playing Congressmen, before that bill was finally accepted by the people. The attempt to secure Congressional sanction for delivery was frustrated and the bill passed under the guise of a defense measure.

### Warns Against War Trend

Now returns Mr. Roosevelt from a fishing trip with Churchill, and with disarming frankness tells us, quote "we have a war to win"—also something about rubbing out Hitler. I don't want to waste time on this unintelligent so oft repeated Hitler romance, because it is so apparently absurd to believe that it is Hitler and not the 80 million German people that are fighting for what they believe to be their rights. But right or wrong, how come Mr. Roosevelt bought this interest in the bloody business for the people? They have a right to be informed, and if unconvinced, refuse to accept this New Deal gold brick. Considering the unconstitutional manner in which it was acquired, you should lose no time in doing just that if you would spare your people the horrors, miseries and tragedies of a war, that is not our war and that 80% of our people can only be forced into by a dictator and not by a constitutionally elected President.

To justify their unAmerican pro-British sympathies, even to the extremes of involving this country in a foreign war, which would then be our war, lock, stock and barrel; with the concomitant total obligation to pay for it in treasure and in blood, the silly wolf-wolf cry of invasion, the ridiculous threats of economic slavery and foreign trade losses, and many other unsubstantiated claims of inevitable disaster to this country, are blared through the air and headlined in the anglophile press.

You are not told however, that even if these contentions were correct, the effect upon this and future generations would be a mere inconvenience, compared to the terrible calamity, the assuming of the total burdens, of not only combat, but post war rehabilitation. That would be the fate of our people.

Can any healthy minded American, contemplate the daily progress of this Godless struggle for the domination true price we would have to pay if

mind us of the unselfish service rendered us by an Englishman, must be significant, for why the French, Polish, Hungarian, C and other foreign patriots represent in our halls of fame?

### Belittles 'Mythical Friend'

Fellow Americans! Do not be deceived by the insincere avowed mythical friendship. Many men of England have expressed more accurate sentiments. Churchill, for instance, only a ago referring to the last war "England would today be better off had the United States her own business and stayed at home. Also we are still the Uncle of war debt adjustment. We are asked to forget it all, believe the fairy tale that, fought the sanguinary battles ourselves from British tyrannical land has been our guardian that we owe our very existence might of the Royal Navy. I intelligent prattle! Unf many of our people swallow sense, hook, line and sinker.

Then there are the worn gans—"Fight to make the w for democracy", "the war to wars"; and others equally of your utter contempt whitensified in those of us who h sonal recollections of the h the last war which glorified with just by the international filthy gold was the thousands of our t

### Place America

We must place disregard all other As for those M British-Americans activities are paid American tax payer tish embassy which propaganda activit them with silent c you, who are the f mothers and faith whether the real m are any more Am than those of the let that famous B laire Belloc, aid you by quoting from h 1925 on how the fooled by propagand

"The most comic fair was the America. We America, for we keen on getting is a drowning m deck chair. In the people came to t the duty of the over and astonish to the death, ed it."



ministration. The Administration, of which our President is the head, is a political accident, changed from time to time, (until recently,) by the will of the people expressed at elections.

All members of Congress and the Administration, are in effect, the chosen servants of the people and unless the acts of governing and the formulation of policies both foreign and domestic, truly represent the desires of the majority as expressed in Congress, you, the people, should take appropriate measures to compel respect for your will. If the situation is of great moment, such as this, then the Constitution provides for making essential changes in the interest of the sovereign people, if public servants attempt to, or actually do, abuse their constitutional powers of administration, and act in opposition to the will of the people.

#### Campaign Promises Forgotten

So you need not have an exaggerated idea of loyalty for an Administration that has signally failed to carry out its solemn campaign promises with which they secured their election or appointments as the case may be. They are leaders, only if the majority follows and approves, and any attempt to push the people into commitments that are repugnant to our democratic concept, must be considered not only disloyal, but even traitorous, if the lives and fortunes of the people are imperiled by such totalitarian conduct.

Let me quote one case, to illustrate that even important Administration yes men had serious misgivings as to the motives of the head of our Administration. Quote:

"I cannot follow the President in his conduct of foreign affairs in this critical time. There have been occasions when many of us have wondered if he is deliberately inciting us to war. I trust that I have made it plain that in the defense of America and our liberties, I should not hesitate to stand for war. But like a great many Americans, I saw war at first hand in 1917. I know what war can do to demoralize civil liberties at home; and I believe it is the first duty of a president to try to maintain peace. The President's attacks on foreign powers have been useless and dangerous. He has courted a war, for which this country is hopelessly unprepared and which it emphatically does not want. He has secretly meddled in the affairs of Europe and he has even unscrupulously encouraged other countries to hope for more help than we are able to give."

#### Raps 'Swindle Willie'

Is there any doubt in your minds, that this fellow also smelled a rat? Some of you probably recognize these his words, but I doubt if any of you know the real name of the author. I'll tell you! It is that great

fict could have but one result: Namely that our country, if it would only avoid becoming involved and not expect to be altogether saved the inconveniences that are the inevitable lot of innocent bystanders in such conflicts, would emerge the most powerful nation, both militarily and economically, and be in a position to enforce a just and lasting peace upon the war-torn world when all the belligerents will have exhausted themselves by years of butchery and destruction. It definitely was England's war!

But then someone had a brain storm, and conceived the ambitious idea to become a great peacemaker. With an olive branch in one hand and the Teddy big stick in the other, our administration in this role had, as you know, pathetic results. This evidently infuriated some one; for then it was decided to take an option on a large block of stock in this dirty business, in the guise of aid to Britain short of war. A complacent and confiding people, crooned into blissful surrender of their mental processes, by repeated fireside chats and solemn vows such as, quote "We will not participate or intervene in foreign wars. It is for peace I shall labor all the days of my life. Your boys are not going to be sent into any foreign wars. The first purpose of our foreign policy is to keep out of war. Ships flying the American flag must stay out of the war zone" unquote. This, spoken in fine campaign oratory style, installed this administration by electing Mr. Roosevelt for a third term, on the specious plea that he was the only man in our 130 million population who could safely pilot our ship of state through the approaching storm, and keep us at peace. An exaggerated and undemocratic honor which even the immortal George Washington declined, as being inconsistent with the principles of a Republican form of government.

#### Fine Phrases Are Buried

After the election, these fine phrases got an indecent burial and now never again shall we hear that verbal opiate "short of war," for the administration is also on the warpath. Why, remains a mystery, for no provocation or reason has been given us, to go ashooting at everything we see, other than the fact, that England has learned that war is not fought with feather dusters and now needs help to save her from being ruined. She asked for it, and it is therefore definitely her war.

By sending our ships and navy into the war zones in direct violation of the international laws of war, we are deliberately inviting disaster and the President, by completely ignoring his solemn word given to the people that he would especially not do this, must assume full responsibility for the terrible tragedy that is certain to engulf

the administration succeeds in shooting us into this butchery? And why, I ask?—for this is definitely England's war. They asked for it.

Some people are not touched by war's horrors of men, wounded, dying in agony and killed, on the scorching sands of Africa, in the fever ridden jungles of the Far East and drowned like rats in the seven seas, who, no doubt, are more interested in the business aspect of war.

#### England Spends U. S. Money

England is today spending nearly fifty million dollars of your money every day in staging this swan song act, and since we would surely make better and bigger war, our combined efforts would therefore cost at least one hundred millions, or three billions each month—more than the total yearly amount of our foreign trade. This calculation leaves out Russia whom Mr. Churchill also wants to finance, with our silly dollars of course. For once, I agree with that comic strip would-be political Napoleon, the Peppery Pepper, when he recently said in effect, patriots of America gird yourselves for a nice long show. This Roosevelt, Churchill, Stalin crusade to make this world safe for you, the four freedoms and Communism might last a whole generation. However, I prefer to be more conservative in my judgment and assume ten years as a more likely period for the limit of endurance of the war weary peoples. In that period therefore, three hundred billions will be spent on actual combat alone, but that is not all, for Uncle Sap would have a full partnership liability to both England and Russia to reconstruct destroyed cities, villages, railroads, docks, ships, etc., etc.—this part will of course, be a loan of another two or three hundred billions to be repaid to Uncle Snylock, when and if, in plain words, this home made emergency if turned into total war, would cost the taxpayer of this and many future generations about five hundred billions of silly dollars; and by that time, you may be sure the dollar will indeed look awfully silly and our dentists will be filling our teeth with free Fort Knox gold, since that commodity will be even more worthless than the dollar.

If this were our war, we would all be willing to pay the price; but do we owe England so much that we can seriously contemplate following Mr. Roosevelt on his personally conducted tour of the bloody battle fields of Europe and Asia? If we do owe England debt of gratitude, for there can be no question of financial obligation since she still owes us ten billions from the last party she gave at our expense, I say, if we do owe her something, why are we not made conscious of our moral obligations—for we have not a monument in this appreciative and generous land to re-

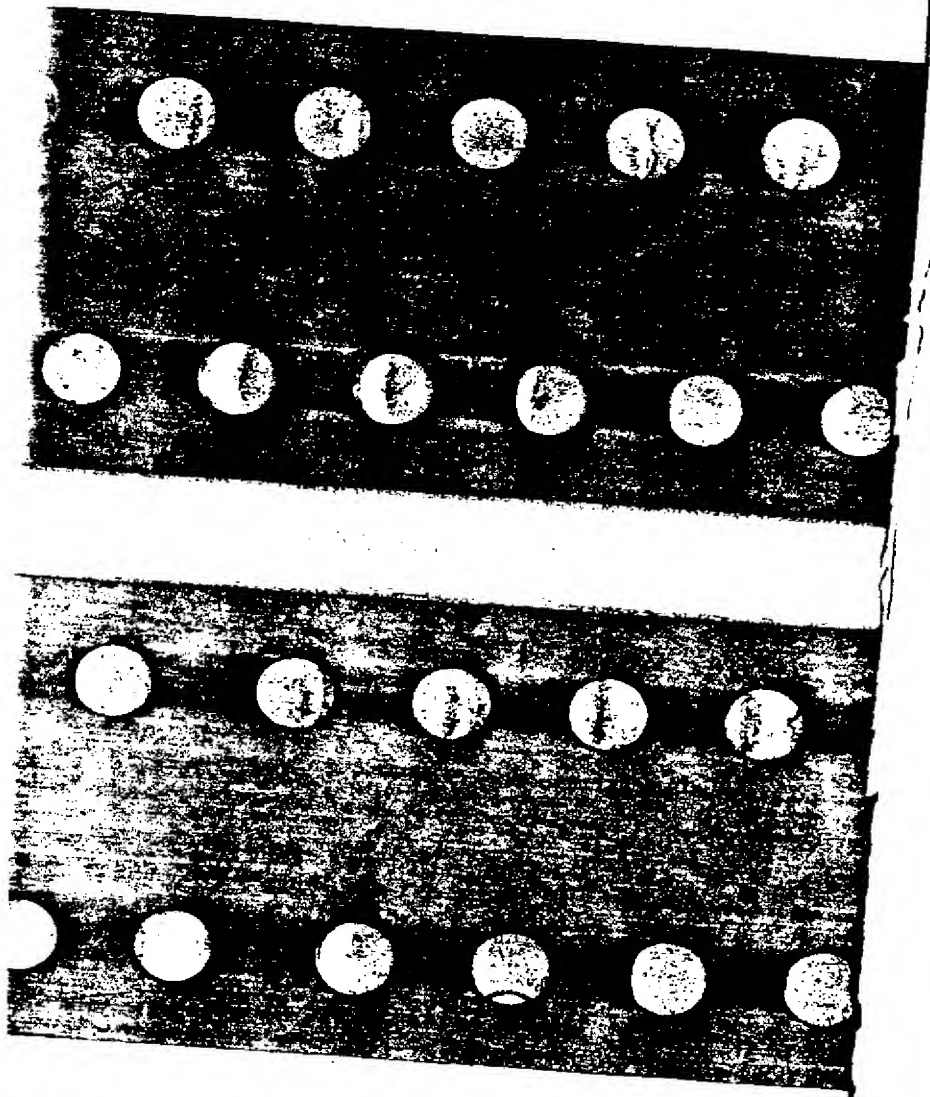
trians, won in 1918, after the baked, the sailing of the sea for the ruc Pennsylvania. F people would rea. They shook the United States and your turn next!"

In spite of such spontaneously expressed descension and ev things and men A when Uncle Sap ha pose, we will conti English people to be ized by our people, b gressional legislation

Fellow Americans! the dishonest efforts the administration to the awful responsibility lish war! Don't pe foreign business to hold upon our fair l of its blood and treas of locust denudes a tryside leaving but a utter these words of condemnation with s/ having actively parti blood lettings this co ed in since the f war, I feel that I kr ble aspects and quences; and since not our war, I duty to my comp words in the atte see the light, and internationalist wa pushing you closer brink of disaster f only to them.

You must devote money to the job of tal business of slaug tion, a purely foreign we do not want ever ity partnership w Stalin; and notw Roosevelt, we em; we are in this wa claim of his fati war and that we take upon ourselv un-American adve crime, the enormi posterity could fully Lose not a mome voice be heard; for ti military dictatorship fasten upon and stil that is today, still birth-right. So write and you congressmen that you know this but to defend your are willing to give and your last drop Americans! Defend let God save the K) take Bloody Joe.





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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter received at the Bureau on October 27, 1941.

Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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ON 8-9-72

Dear Sir:

On the night of Friday, October 3, 1941, Senator Burton K. WHEELER delivered an address at the Ford Bowl in San Diego under the auspices of the America First organization. The following morning, October 4, 1941, there appeared in the San Diego Union and also reappeared in the afternoon paper the following:

"Frank O'Farrell, of the America First committee, under auspices of which Wheeler spoke, charged the federal bureau of investigation had 'tapped our wires and looked over our membership lists looking for Communists.'"

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There is attached hereto a copy of that portion of the issue containing the above-quoted statement of FRANK O'FARRELL.

As soon as he was available, I contacted JAMES ABBEY, head of the America First in San Diego, and stated that, of course, Mr. O'FARRELL'S statement was incorrect completely and entirely as far, at least, as the San Diego office of this Bureau was concerned, and that no wires had been tapped and no membership lists searched for Communists; that this office had at no time taken any action, directly or indirectly, into any matter pertaining to the America First organization. Mr. ABBEY stated that as far as he knew, my statement was correct; that he himself did not hear the statement made by O'FARRELL the previous night; that he was inside the shell on the platform and that it was difficult to hear there. He said that he regretted that O'FARRELL had made any such statement.

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V. J. [Signature]

I think we should locate Jeffery & make him either put up or shut up. H.

U.S. America First Committee  
Criticism

Director  
October 7, 1941

He said that he would contact him relative thereto, Mr. O'FARRELL not being then available.

On Monday, October 6, 1941, I contacted Mr. ALFRED E. ~~W~~<sup>R</sup>URLOW, who is the local Secretary of the organization, and he expressed his regret that any such statement had been made. He stated that he thought that it was undesirable and that it was incorrect.

I finally succeeded on the same morning in locating FRANK O'FARRELL. He is an advertising agent and has been busy with radio broadcasts. He told me that the statement made by him did not apply in any manner to the San Diego office of the FBI. He said that just prior to making the statement he had been talking on the platform to EARL C. ~~J~~<sup>E</sup>FFERY, the national director of field operations for America First. O'FARRELL stated that JEFFERY said that these or similar actions had been taken by the FBI in other places. He rather vaguely referred to the "other places" as the East. He said that JEFFERY stated that mail had been perused and that books had been scrutinized and that wires had been tapped. I was unable to secure anything more definite concerning the "other places" except that O'FARRELL said he had read in the paper of some such action being taken at Washington in connection with certain papers or certain lists.

The foregoing details I know are vague, but I was unable to get O'FARRELL or anyone else to be more specific. O'FARRELL first stated that he did not recall JEFFERY'S saying that wires had been tapped. When I called his attention to the fact that he, O'FARRELL, had referred to tapping wires, he thought that he did say it.

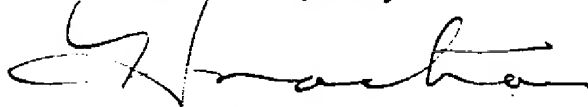
I contacted Mr. ~~A~~<sup>J</sup>AUSTIN, the Editor-in-Chief of the San Diego papers, and called his attention to the quoted remarks and stated that they were absolutely, completely, and entirely incorrect;

Director  
October 7, 1941

that the San Diego office had at no time tapped any wires or scrutinized any membership lists of America First, looking for Communists, or for any other reason; that no action had been taken by this office relative to America First, directly or indirectly, in any manner.

This morning's issue, October 7, 1941, of the San Diego Union covers a statement relative to this situation. A copy of this is attached hereto. It will be noted that this latter article quotes Mr. O'FARRELL and Mr. ABBEY. The Bureau's attention is particularly invited to the statement of Mr. ABBEY to the effect that EARL C. JEFFERY had "told us they had tapped wires and checked up on mail at Washington".

Very truly yours,



H. NATHAN  
Special Agent in Charge

Enclosure  
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# German Armies Engaged in Huge Donets Offensive, Hungary Claims

Oct. 3 (U.P.)—Axis forces have launched an offensive against the Russian front, between the Dnieper river and the Donets basin that is sweeping the army before it at all points, Hungarian communiques tonight.

The offensive is developing on a growing scale, according to a communique issued soon after Hitler had reported in a speech at the Berlin sports palace that the German army was launching new operations which would secure the defeat of Russia.

Thursday shot down 18 Russian bombers and five fighters when a strong formation attempted to penetrate the German lines about Leningrad, D.N.B. said.

Soviet troops in the "northern sector" attempted to dislodge two German divisions from their positions, D.N.B. said, but all attacks were said to have been repulsed with heavy Russian losses and the destruction of five tanks.

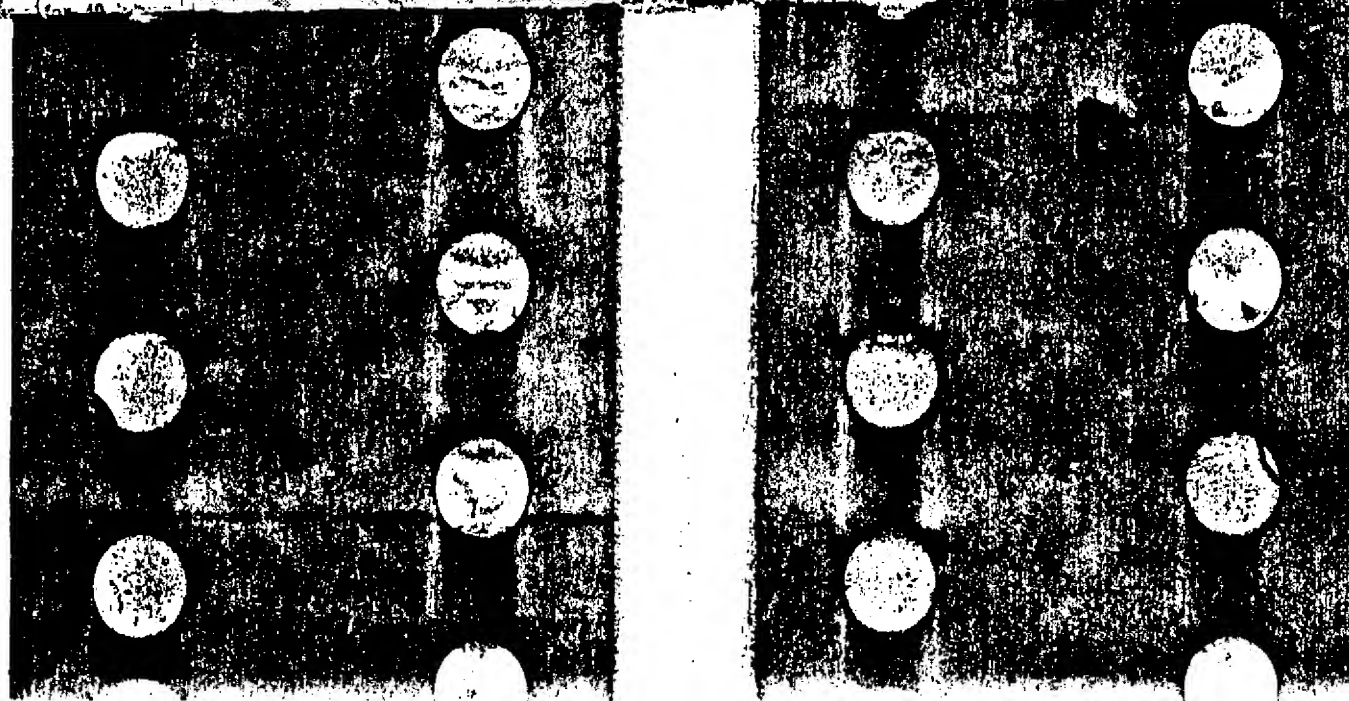
## 42 PLANES DOWNED

D.N.B. reported that the Russians lost 42 planes, including 37 in air battles, on Thursday. These in-

cluded 14 shot down by the Luftwaffe during Russian attempts to attack a German division in the southern sector, it was said.

German bombers Thursday night bombed military objectives in Moscow and important armament works southeast of Kharkov, the high command claimed.

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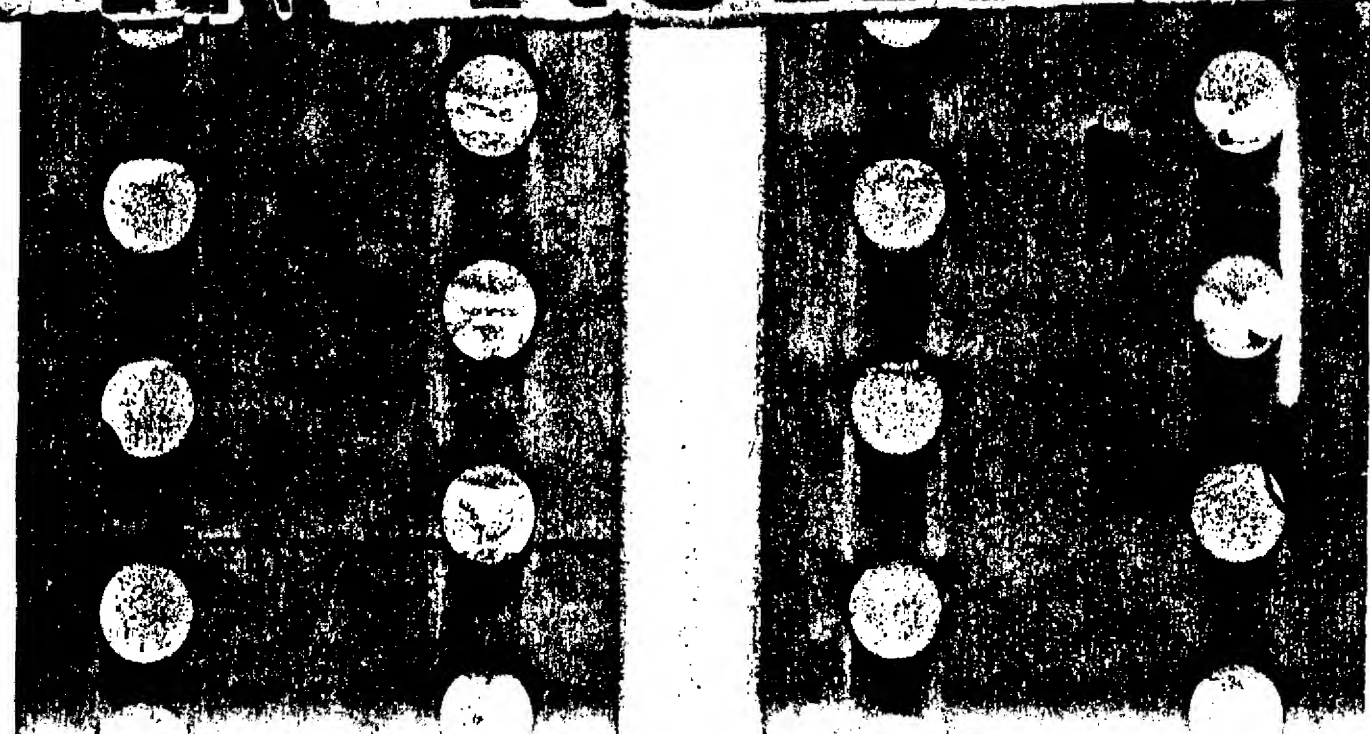
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# IN NORWAY





## WEATHER

Clear today and tomorrow, with some low clouds tomorrow morning; little change in temperature with maximum about 75; gentle to moderate westerly winds.

Detailed U. S. weather bureau report will be found on Page 12, Section 2.

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# PILOTS FLARE

## Consair Strike Greatly Ended by Mediation Settlement Details Withheld Until Meeting Tomorrow

Settlement of demands that threatened a strike involving 27,000 workers at Consolidated Aircraft Corp. was announced last night by the defense mediation board in Washington. The Associated Press reported.

Details of the agreement were withheld until members of the International Association of Machinists local meet at 8 tomorrow afternoon in the Coliseum, Fifteenth and W sts.

**NEGOTIATE TWO DAYS**  
On route to San Diego by plane to attend the session was W. J. Chudleigh, aircraft local president, who attended hearings before the mediation board.

Company, union and board representatives negotiated the dispute for two days.

The principal issue was the union demand for a blanket 15-cent-an-hour increase, based on a copyright agreement by Consair to adopt any government-sponsored wage standardization.

**RAILWAY STRIKE ENTITLED**

The union had held that such a ruling was made by the government in the recent Lockheed-Wing wage increase. The company contended it had not been informed of the ruling.

The strike was voted Sept. 28, but the date was withheld as the company was not informed of the ruling.

## London Street Scene Four Months After Bombing



Queen Victoria street still looks like the morning after, despite four months' salvage work following the great fire bomb attacks on London. Most areas have been cleaned up, however, to show War's cost.

## EIGHTH U.S. SHIP DESTROYED; 18 OF 37 CREWMEN PICKED UP

Tanker I. C. White Torpedoed 450 Miles Off Brazil, Inside American Neutrality Zone

RIO DE JANEIRO, Oct. 3 (U.P.)—The American-owned Panamanian tanker I. C. White, has been torpedoed and sank and 18 survivors have been picked up 450 miles off Brazil inside the American neutrality zone, announced today. It is the eighth American ship destroyed in the Atlantic.

## Reds Recapture Many Villages

Victories Reported On All Fronts

MOSCOW, Oct. 4 (Saturday P.)—Russian troops have a through the German lines in a counter-offensive on the

## Wheeler Pledges 'Fight to Last' Against War

Isolationist Draws 5000 Cheering Fans To Ford Bowl Talk

A fight to the last drop of his blood, to "keep America out of the hell of war in Europe and Asia," was pledged by Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, noted isolationist, before a cheering crowd of 5000 in the Ford bowl last night.

Scoring President Roosevelt's policies, which he charged were leading the country to war, the Montana Democrat rapped British imperialism, conceded the power of English propaganda, and spoke scornfully of the administration's apparent attempt to restore Red Russia to this country's good graces.

**BRIDGES NAMED**

"Deport Harry Bridges because he is a Communist!" cried the senator. "Why, the president ought to call him back to Washington and put him in his cabinet."

The crowd was with Wheeler with a few hectoring exceptions, but the senator more than held his own in the verbal exchanges that the throng permitted.

He warned San Diego that, before it goes riding off to war abroad for the four freedoms, it should look closely at its own situation. He referred to the votes of two San Diego city councilmen against permitting him to speak in Ford bowl.

## U.S. to Borrow Another Billion



HENRY MORGENTHAU JR. ... announced loan plan.

**Gigantic New Loan May Set Debt Record**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 3 (A.P.)—Secy. Morgenthau today announced plans to borrow \$1,000,000,000 or more next week in what may be the largest cash financing of the treasury since the World War era.

Morgenthau said he intended to sell between \$1,000,000,000 and \$1,250,000,000 worth of treasury securities, barring unforeseen disturbances of financial markets by international events over the week-end. If the sales reach the latter figure, the transaction will top all post-World War financing, surpassing the \$1,100,000,000 borrowed in 1934 to pay the soldiers' bonus.

## Prague Mayor Doomed

BERLIN, Oct. 3 (A.P.)—Key dispatches reported tonight that mayor of Prague, Otakar Klapálek, had been named by the Germans and sentenced to die as one of the leaders of an elaborate force-backed plot of sabotage, terror, espionage and rebellion against Czech's protection.

These dispatches were punctuated by the announcement that "more Czechs had been executed."

With unofficial reports running ahead of official figures, it

was reported that the Germans have captured the "Vernille" in the east, southwest of the Czech capital.

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## Wheeler Pledges Fight to Last' against War

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 ...any in Oklahoma City, in ... in Atlanta, and ... in ... San Diego.  
 They used to say our meetings ... filled with Communists, Nazis ... Fascists. Now the Communists ... mostly with Wilkie."  
 ... rules Germany by fear, the ... declared, as he cried shame ... those who say he is for Hitler ... because he is for keeping this ... not ...  
 ... speaking of freedom from ...  
 ... in the slums of ... in Hongkong?  
 ... we are going to fight for freedom ... let us fight for it right ... in the United States."

**WHEELER THREATENED**  
 The present administration and the "war mongers" are "trying to strip out freedom of speech right here in the United States, but they are not going to stop me," he shouted. "I'm going to point out the deceit of those who say that every measure leading us down the road to war is a defense measure."  
 "I say to the war mongers: Why don't you have the courage to come before the congress and ask for war in the honest, American way provided by the constitution? But they won't do it because the American people will refuse to vote for a declaration of war. The president knows this and the war mongers know it."

**COLUMBIAN RAPPEL**  
 He mentioned the name of Dorothy Thompson, newspaper columnist, as a war monger and when a wave of boos followed, he urged the audience not to boo those who were not present.  
 "Too late if you want," he shouted, but he didn't get any boos.  
 The war mongers, he said, are asking the president to carry on an undeclared war in violation of his oath of office. "They're trying to get him to violate the constitution and go back on every promise he made when he was a candidate in 1936 and again in 1940," Wheeler said.  
 "I am proud," Wheeler shouted, "of the kind of isolationist the president said he was in 1936, when I'd hate war."

**NEW PROMISE**  
 ... gives a promise to the people ... solemnly binding a promise ... be made. They sometimes ... of someone by ... pull a Wheeler. I'm ... president will pull a ... of the crowd in ... he said the "war mongers ... but pleasure girls and ...

## Isolationist Leader Visits S. D.



SEN. BURTON K. WHEELER  
 San Diegoans are building winged society for the nation, ... isolationist party after four of defense activities here.

## LINDY MOST POPULAR MAN IN U.S., WHEELER DECLARES

Despite reports to the contrary, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is the most popular man in America today, Sen. Burton K. Wheeler told a group of America First leaders at a luncheon yesterday.  
 "He got the greatest crowds and the greatest enthusiasm is shown at his meetings," the senator said.  
 Wheeler charged that a "famous" campaign against leaders of the anti-interventionists is "coming out of New York at the instance of the president of the United States and some of his administration."

**REFUGEES RAPPEL**  
 He rapped "refugee" refugees who he said are being entertained now at Washington.  
 "They run away and look their gold, leaving the workers and farmers behind," the senator said. "Now they are asking mothers of America to send their boys over there to ...

## Eighth U.S. Ship Destroyed in South Atlantic

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 to north Atlantic ports for trans-shipment to Britain.  
 (The Panama Transport Co. also owned the tanker Charles Foy, sunk off Freetown, West Africa, Dec. 31, 1940. The I. C. White is Newport News, Va., Sept. 7 for C. Green, Dutch West Indies, having put into Newport News for repairs a cruise from Cartagena, Colombia, to Halifax, where it arrived Aug. 3.)  
**SUNK SEPT. 31**  
 The ... Sept. 31. It ... that ... were picked up ...  
 ... 3433 was long ... 480 miles east of Port ... in the American ...  
 (The New York ... said the I. C. White ... Cape Town, Sept. 23 ...  
 ... with a ...  
 ... It was built in ... Shipbuilding Co.  
 ... The West ... 5400 ...  
 ... tered out of San Francisco ... owned by the Pacific ...  
 ... Brazil line.)

## Vessels Listed

**WASHINGTON, Oct. 3**  
 The I. C. White was the American-owned ship sunk at the outbreak of the war.  
 The American-flag City of ... which struck a mine and in Australian waters in 1940, death.  
 The Charles Pratt, a tanker owned by the Panama Transport Co., a subsidiary of Standard Oil Co. (New Jersey), torpedoed and sunk Dec. 31, 1940 off west Africa. Two missing in crew of 42.  
 The American-flag Robin Moor, torpedoed, shelled and sunk by a German submarine in the south Atlantic May 31. No loss of life.  
 The Beane, former Danish ship operated by maritime commission under Panamanian flag, sunk Aug. 17 by torpedo 300 miles southwest of Iceland. Twenty-four members of crew, including one American, lost.  
**BOMBER AT STAKE**  
 The American-flag Steel Seahorse, bomber from the air and sunk in the Gulf of Suez, Sept. 8. No loss of life.  
 The Montana, former Danish ship operated by the maritime commission under Panamanian flag, torpedoed and sunk Sept. 11 in waters off Iceland. Crew of 36 rescued.  
 The Pink Star, operated by maritime commission under Panamanian flag, torpedoed and sunk Sept. 19 about 230 miles southwest of Iceland. Twelve missing in crew of 36.

**THE YAKS**  
 ... are "compiling their ... planned ... but ... can't be published."  
 ... "from Budapest ...  
 ... as specific ...  
 ... but the Germans have ...  
 ... to be advancing ...  
 ... the Crimea in that area.  
 ... Columbia Broadcasting system in ...  
 ... York heard the London radio ...  
 ... a "terrible" tank battle in ...  
 ... east of Dnepropetrovsk.  
 ... report emanated from Radio ...  
 ... Moscow. CBS also heard the ...  
 ... fifty radio report that German ...  
 ... troops had forced a passage of the ...  
 ... Perekop isthmus, the four-mile ...  
 ... wide stretch of land connecting the ...  
 ... mainland with Crimea.)  
 ... Following Miller's speech, Ger-  
 ... man sources were unusually silent ...  
 ... on the eastern front situation.  
 ... The only reference to the south-  
 ... ern sector was a D.M.B. news ...  
 ... agency report that German troops ...  
 ... had thrown back a strong Russian ...  
 ... counter-attack supported by tanks ...  
 ... in an armored train. The German ...  
 ... had destroyed nine Russian tanks ...  
 ... and captured their advance, D.M.B.  
 ...  
 ... in the Leningrad front, D.M.B. ...  
 ... reported, the Germans have cap-  
 ... tured General castle, the "Munich ...  
 ... the east," southward of the ...  
 ... Soviet capital.  
 ... "I can't say," he ...  
 ... said, "15 miles south of ...  
 ... Leningrad, formerly Tsaritsyn, ...  
 ... where the former imperial summer ...  
 ... palace was located. The palace ...  
 ... was destroyed in 1918."



General deck scene looking from the ...

[illegible]

and reported that the "owners of  
the abandoned passenger train  
near Bucharest, are under a  
heavy guard."

**RUSSA DINK 74**

Two men appear with the train re-  
turned by the seven German  
train guards, the train, steam  
locomotive, and a truck.  
The communists said the German  
men were shot down Wednesday  
the loss of only eight Russian  
men, and that a ship of the Rus-  
sian North sea fleet, destroyed a  
man submarine.

**L LINES RESTORED**

The London radio, heard by the  
and Free Press, said that the  
reported that railway com-  
munications between Leningrad and  
cows had been restored following  
desert of at least 30 German air-  
planes with the loss of half of their  
strength—approximately 35,000 men  
(see).

occasions also were reported from  
r fronts. In the far north, a  
man attempt to attack Mur-  
was said to have been re-  
sued with the loss of 1000 dead  
several thousand wounded.

ATURE DOZENS  
GOMEL FRONT

from Page 1)  
while on an unidentified ship  
the soldiers from the Red Army  
are reported to have captured a  
Russian transport in each of the Red  
Armies.

The newspaper reports  
that the marines had landed  
"German-occupied islands, at the  
end of the Finnish gulf at the  
approaches to Leningrad," but did not  
identify them further. It said the  
marines obtained a "vital foothold."

**RUSS CROSS RIVER**

A 10-day battle along the river  
was reported by the army organ  
Red Star. The engagement was  
eliminated by the forcing of the river  
by two Russian battalions which re-  
captured several villages in a five-  
hour battle, Red Star said.

Red Star said all German attempts  
to pierce Leningrad's main defense  
had been repulsed.

A Baltic fleet dispatch to Tverst  
said that a violent naval engagement  
was taking place in the Irbra strait  
off the bay of Riga, which the Rus-  
sians are defending from the moon  
[Archipelago].

## Message Halts Prisoner Trade

(Continued from Page 1)

their came next, his head bare and low.

After the telephone call, the officers with one of them was followed by two young men of whom had a wooden sign MARY WITH ABSTINENTIAL LEM.

An alarm swung along at the crutches, his left leg off at the knee. A stiff-backed officer with one hobnobed past. In the first group there were 18 with artificial legs.

Following the officers was a group of privates. Two comrades limbed young. Three of the officers entered the ship with their arms stretched high in Nazi salute.

After the privates came six clerics—long lines of German daddies under piles of blankets, carried by British Tommies.

There was no noise and no talk. From the time the first German came from the train until the first ship was filled the docks were as quiet as a cave.

widened them. Any army or navy officer will tell you, if he dares speak, that the bombers you are turning out here in San Diego can make this country invulnerable to invasion. Remember that the British had to pull out of Norway because their navy was being

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**PROVOCATION CITED**

They say: "Why don't congressmen have the courage to stand up typically because they're afraid of the president for appropriating the military?"

And Willie had to be charged before the last election was charged.

"They have the same ideas as me they have deceived the American people," he declared. "Now before has the United States ever serious a condition of affairs in Washington today. I feel an American further here in the country. They have debauched some leaders, some veteran leaders and some farm organizations. But I believe when they can't debate the women."

He denied he hated Roosevelt.

**SWATH ON OTHER SIDE**

"If there is any hate it is on the other side," he declared. "If there is any person who has been intolerant it has been on the other side."

He read what he said were reports to England about American public man, in which it was stated that America is now the center of the war effort.

"Our American navy is the greatest in the world and can defend the United States against any nation or combination of nations in the world," he said. "Bombing

keep them here for our down d world, there is no danger in world of invasion.

"Is this our war over in Europe he asked.

"No, no, no!" cried the crowd.

**URGENT ENLISTMENT**

"Well, if anyone thinks it is or he can go up to Canada and enlist. The president says they have his blessing. They'll have, too. I'd like to see the president give his blessing and name Simms and Knox over to the

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"They've got us again right to the brink of war," he said. "But you continue to stand firm no president nor congress will dare to go war."

**HUGE DEBT TO PAY**

Speaking of the lease-and-rented, he said they are piling up debt—load that the workers, the farmers and little business will have to pay off.

"And then we hear Churchill is that if we don't beat with Imperialism will help us," he asserted. The crowd roared with laughter.

"Whenever you meet an English man he'll say 'I'm for England first.' Whether went on 'I hope

"I had a most interesting time and enjoyed it very much indeed," Sen. Wheeler said after he had completed a tour of local defense facilities, including Ft. Rosecrans, the marine corps base, Navy Training station, Camp Callan, the Lincoln Vista housing project, Lindbergh field and the Consolidated Aircraft Corp.

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**PLANT TOUR HURRIED**

His tour of Consolidated was hurried one—a drive through the company's big outdoor assembly plant. Wheeler said his time schedule made a long inspection out of the question.

"Here in San Diego you are building airplanes and bombers that are making the country invulnerable to invasion from any country or combination of countries," he said. "I favor now and always have favored an air force second to none. You are going to have it."

Sen. George A.iken (new classmate of Wheeler) said that "the formation of our country's defense weapons is a task that our greatest defense weapon is an adequate air force."

# Right to Strike

SEATTLE, Oct. 3 (U.P.)—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, today called for "understanding" and "persuasion" rather than denunciation of strikers in defense industries, and reiterated that labor will never surrender its right to strike.

Describing this right as labor's "gun," Green added:

"We will put it behind the door but not surrender it. The right to strike is so fundamental as the rights of free press and free speech that it would mean true equality to deprive us of our right to strike."

Green addressed the closing session of the building and construction trades department shortly after his arrival for the opening week of the national A.F.L. convention.

## ATTITUDE IMPORTANT

The official attitude of the federation against defense strikes, he said, was more important than the fact that some work stoppages did occur.

"It is too much for any man to expect that perfection could be attained," he said. "When local strikes occur—and they will occur—we must take into account the state of mind of those who participate in strikes. Try to understand them, persuade them of their devotion to the nation rather than denounce them for slopping work to redress a grievance."

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# America First Speaker Clears San Diego F.B.I.

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Brigadier General Robert E. Todd  
Chairman  
America First Committee  
1005 Board of Trade Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear General Todd:

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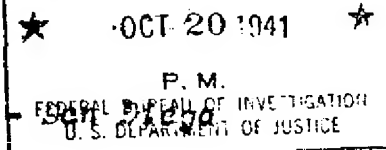
A subsequent story appeared in the October 9, 1941, issue of the San Diego Union stating that Mr. Frank O'Farrell in making the above-mentioned statement did not refer to the America First Committee's San Diego Office. Mr. James L. Abbey, chairman of the San Diego America First Committee, is then quoted as follows:

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I do feel that as the responsible head of the  
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in the future.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Charles Lindbergh (left) and Senator Gerald P. Nye.

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November 1st, 1941

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U. S. Attorney General Francis Biddle  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Tonight, at 10:15, Philip La Follette addressed a group of 135 chairmen of "America First" chapters, gathered at a dinner in a Washington Hotel. It was a most sinister vitriolic speech, threatening armed rebellion against our present administration. He did not mince his words- he openly called for an insurrection by "fearless red blooded Americans to overthrow the "War Party" government and bring to the bar of justice those responsible for our involvement in war." Although he tried to play safe by mentioning 1942 elections, he immediately followed this up by the challenge that "if the administration using a "rubber stamp Congress" tries to postpone elections we, the real "American Party" (he meant "America First"), will call upon all real Americans to fight for their freedom right here as their forefathers fought in the revolution."

You may think that these are empty words and idle talk. Unfortunately this is not the case. I am reliably informed from a source quite close to the "inner circle" of the America First Committee that there is a conspiracy on foot to overthrow our government by a "coup d'etat." The conspirators are the powerful and wealthy backers of America First and a group of reserve officers and retired army generals who have succeeded to inveigle in their treasonable plot a number of active army and navy men. Their plan is to secretly mobilize and bring to Washington several thousand ex-service men, well equipped, surround Congress, Government Buildings and The White House, in a surprise move at dawn, thus taking possession of them. They calculate that a proclamation to the American people that their coup d'etat was staged to "save the lives of American boys" will receive their approval. With the President in their power, including Government Buildings and Congress, they feel satisfied that their act of treason will succeed. My informant further claims that the brains of the conspiracy are: Senators Nye, Wheeler, Wm. R. Castle, John T. Flynn, Col. McCormic (publisher of the Chicago Tribune), Philip La Follette, Father Coughlin, and above mentioned army men (reserve officers and retired army generals). I am sure that if you put the FBI on the job, they will probably soon get on the trail of all the men and groups of men engaged in this amazing, dastardly conspiracy, which aims to destroy constitutional government in this country. I know the whole story sounds incredible, and I myself would not have believed it if not for Lindbergh's repeated demands, in his public addresses, that the American people need "a new leadership" in Washington and Philip La Follette's open and frank invitation to forcibly overthrow our government. Mr. Lindbergh is, perhaps, slated to become our "dictator" if and when the plotters succeed.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LINTON M. COLLINS  
ACTING ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

There are transmitted herewith for whatever consideration and attention are deemed appropriate copies of a letter dated November 1, 1941, addressed to the Attorney General by [REDACTED]

For your information the letter was routed to this Bureau and it has not been acknowledged.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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I am in receipt of your letter dated November 2, 1941, with which you so thoughtfully enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope.

With respect to your request, I regret that I must advise that by virtue of a well-established policy of the Department of Justice, I am precluded from commenting on matters of this sort. I know you will appreciate my position in this regard.

I am returning herewith the envelope which you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

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Secretary to the President

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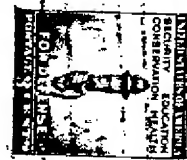
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Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
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Secretary to the President

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Accusations from and against subject organization, as quoted in the press, have become so acrimonious that the activities of that society are rapidly assuming the importance of a battle front in the eyes of the public. Subject organization recently expressed bitter protests against the three major radio networks, charging discrimination and stating that inadequate facilities had been provided for subject's rally scheduled for the evening of October 31, to be held in the Madison Square Garden, New York City. The accusation stated that, of the three principal speakers, Senator Burton K. Wheeler had been accorded scanty time and that Charles A. Lindbergh and former Ambassador to BELGIUM, John GUDAHY

had been refused any time at all. James L. Fly, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission promised an investigation and called on the three networks to answer the charges.

A request for investigation of alleged partiality was signed, on behalf of subject, by John T. FLYNN, chairman of the committee, Mrs. John P. MARQUAND, Amos E. R. FINCHOT, H. Dudley SWIN and Edwin S. WEBSTER, Jr.

A police detail of 725 men has been promised for the rally, by the police department, as it had been reported that all the 7,000 reserved seats had been sold out.

Former Magistrate Joseph Goldstein informed Mayor

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La Guardia that he would arrest any speaker who made slurring statements about the Jews. He also warned that, if the police failed to act, he would prefer charges against the Mayor and against Police Commissioner Valentine. He also stated that repetition of Lindbergh's Des Moines speech would mean rioting and bloodshed.

The Unknown Soldier Post 1124 of the American Legion protested to the Mayor, Oct. 28th, against the anti-war meeting. The United States Patriotic Society also protested against the meeting. Mayor La Guardia is reported to have dismissed a protest, a few days previously, stating that the protest had not been made by any patriotic organization or individual.

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TITLE <b>0 AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>INTERNAL SECURITY</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

[REDACTED], advises [REDACTED] is a radical and a follower of Father COUGHLIN. [REDACTED]

but has not been active in organizing America First Committee in Sheridan. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is somewhat radical but has no following and has not been active in organizing any group. [REDACTED]

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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent [REDACTED] Kansas City, Missouri, 9-26-41. b7c

**DETAILS:**

At Sheridan, Missouri

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is a radical, believed to be [REDACTED] b7c  
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American born and is a follower of Father COUGHLIN. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] somewhat cracked and stated, for example, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He has argued in favor of an international system of banking.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] According to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] has made no attempt to organize an America First Committee.

[REDACTED] stated that about the time Czechoslovakia had fallen he thought [REDACTED] had talked a little in favor of HITLER concerning the system of labor in Germany, etc., but he had heard no un-American statements attributed to [REDACTED]

- At Dawn, Missouri -

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] She stated the cards contained nothing to indicate [REDACTED] was in favor of overthrowing the government but did contain strong talk against the present governmental policies. She stated she believed his activity in contacting her was suspicious and further that he did not send out any of the cards under his own name [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was not of German extraction, is employed as a farmer and [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] had been reportedly outspoken in sympathy for the Germans in every way. [REDACTED] regarded [REDACTED] as a peculiar genius and stated that his wife was a very bright woman and [REDACTED] That [REDACTED] had no following at Dawn and had made no attempt to organize any America First Committee. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
considered [REDACTED] and radical in his criticism of the present government.

[REDACTED] which is quoted as follows:

"Airmail letters, telegrams and telephone calls to the White House should follow the President's speech last night in great volume, stating respectfully the candid opinion of his fellow citizens respecting its tone and content and the war-like policy it foreshadows. The President seemed to feel that he was speaking for us to the world. If his message was not what you would want him to say, tell him why.

"Heirs as we are of great traditions of freedom and fearless criticism of our public servants, we must keep constantly in mind Chief Justice Hughes' words that the President and the Congress are subject to the 'commands and instructions laid down' by their 'sovereign, the people of the United States.

"Washington, D. C. 10-28-41 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The file also reflects a clipping from the Springfield Leader, dated 9-28-41, concerning a letter from SESCO V. TIPTON, Chairman, Springfield Chapter, America First Committee, to the Editor of the paper answering a Washington Merry-Go-Round column.

PENDING



UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

KANSAS CITY FIELD DIVISION

- \* At Lees Summit, Missouri, will obtain information concerning the organization of the America First Committee [REDACTED] b7c

- \* [REDACTED] will obtain information as to the activities of [REDACTED] b7c

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[REDACTED]

Nov. 6, 1941.

Chief

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
F. B. I. Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Dear Mr. Hoover:

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Just who is blocking your efforts to restrain that subversive group, the America First, particularly, Lindbergh and Cuddeback. I'm a supporter of all Administrative actions. I'm also back of the President, Mr. Roosevelt, and when a "Rat" like Cuddeback says: "Roosevelt is a mortal man and may die," it is time for you to throw the your best brains into this case and permanently silence that group - it is malicious.

Our constitution grants no privilege to subversive agitators. The law provides that freedom be enjoyed by those who comply with our laws; hence those who seek to overthrow the government, violate that law and should be dealt with accordingly.

I may be laboring under a delusion, and I may be also writing like a  
with a Lib. Lib. Lib. Lib. Lib.

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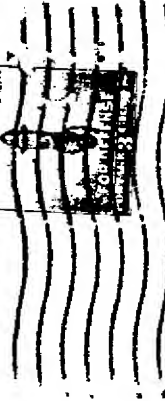
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Mrs. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear [REDACTED]

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I am in receipt of your communication of November 6, 1941, and desire to express my appreciation for your courtesy in communicating with me.

Please be advised that the content of your letter has been carefully noted and made a matter of permanent record in the official files of this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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[Handwritten signature]

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F.B.I. Headquarters  
Washington, D.C.

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I enclose a post card sent  
by mail to me to show  
how the America First Com-  
mittee would <sup>AMERICA FIRST COM</sup> ~~to the city~~  
mislead the public. <sup>Oct-11-26-41 P.E.</sup>

H. G. Tice/

I am not a  
member of this Committee.  
probably took my name  
and address from the  
telephone directory or from  
some other list. Maybe they  
took it from my church  
membership book.  
Don't be fooled by their  
claim to so many million  
members! This is the way they

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated November 6, 1941, with enclosure.

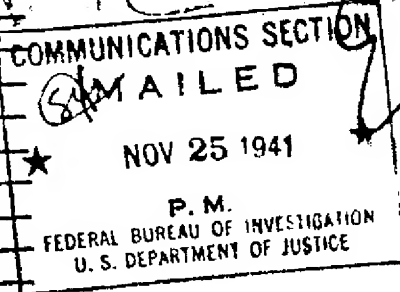
Your courtesy and interest in bringing this information to my attention are indeed appreciated, and you may be assured your letter will receive appropriate consideration.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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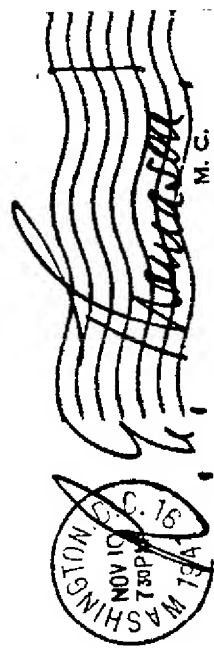
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*7/11/41*

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives

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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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Cleveland, Ohio; Nov. 8, 1941

Sir:

Arming merchantmen won't keep them safe! Naval ships are armed, and three of them have been torpedoed. The safe way is to keep them out of the war zone, and let Europe fight its own wars.

Uncle Skylock got sucked in once; there is yet time for you to hold back the President!

Yours truly

[REDACTED]

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**It is NOT  
England (nor Russia)  
That is  
AMERICA'S FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE**

but —

**CONGRESS**

**How is that line holding!**

**Yours for preservation of a peaceful and  
CONSTITUTIONAL U. S. A.**

**NO WAR without DECLARATION OF CONGRESS**

The whole country is upset - with non-American propaganda

**AROUSSED CITIZENS  
Demand a National Referendum**

**STIR YOURSELF YE PATRIOTS**

**DOWN WITH TRAITORS**

Let it not be said the United States fell, Rotted  
from within even before she was attacked

**AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE**

**WEST CHESTER, PENNA.**

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Honorable R. Ewing Thomson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

This will acknowledge receipt of a post card dated November 8, 1941, addressed to you by [redacted] of Cleveland, Ohio, and a circular entitled "It is not England (nor Russia) that is America's first line of defense" which you forwarded to me under cover postmarked November 10, 1941.

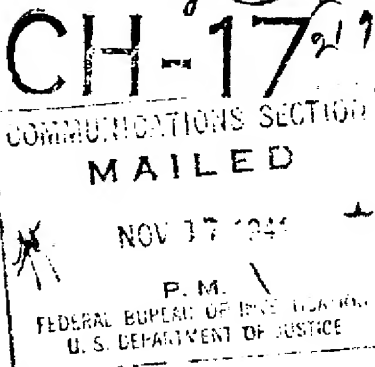
Please be advised that the above-mentioned communication and circular have been made a matter of permanent record in the files of this Bureau for such future reference as may be deemed appropriate.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

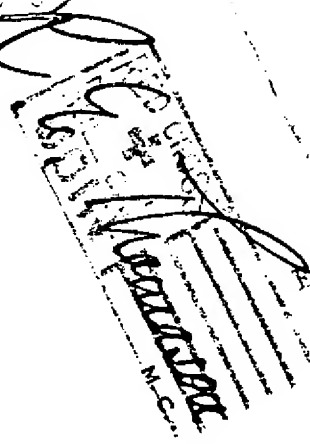
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November 12, 1941

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Dear Madam:

HERE ARE THE NAMES OF THREE OLDER MEN WHO ARE WILLING  
TO HAVE YOUR SON BE KILLED.

Senator John Doe, Democrat



"We will not participate in foreign wars and  
we will not send our Army, naval or air forces  
to fight in foreign lands----"  
Democratic National 1940 Platform -- Senator  
Doe's party's promise to his electorate.

Congressman Richard Roe, Republican



"The Republican Party is firmly opposed to in-  
volving the nation in foreign war---"  
Republican National 1940 Platform on which  
Richard Roe was elected.

(Will Your Name Be Here??)



And did you run on a war platform??

Madam, put this card in your mirror where you will see  
it every day. There will be a Congressional election this fall  
and a Senatorial election within five years. That will be YOUR  
chance - to tell these so-called "representatives" that you have  
no use for men who DO NOT KEEP THEIR PLEDGED WORD.

Remember their names.

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Nov. 12 - 1941. b7c

Hon. R. Ewing Thomason  
House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Thomason:

Perhaps you are able to convince yourself that the world will little note nor long remember what you do today or tomorrow on the floor of the House of Representatives. But let us assure you it will never forget what the sons of American families do on the great battlefields of this - not a civil, but a foreign war.

The enclosed message, with actual names to replace the "John Doe" and "Richard Roe," will go out, should the Neutrality Act be amended, to 4,000,000 American women. We hope your name will not be there and, like the women of your district, we expect you to live up to the platform on which you were, in large part by these women, elected to the House of Representatives.

If you violate that pledged word, how do you expect the women of your state to trust you again?

Sincerely yours,

Women's Division, America First Committee

Women United

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November 11th, 1941

The Hon. R. Ewing Thomason,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

The future welfare - prosperity - happiness, and security of these United States of America lie right here at home, within our own grasp, and not abroad. We are dependent upon nobody but ourselves.

We never will be able to find happiness, prosperity and security by crusading abroad in foreign wars, and getting ourselves mixed up in Europe's various intrigues.

We must work out our own destination here in the U.S.A., not in Europe. We should attend strictly to our own affairs, put our own house in order, and make ourselves so strong in our own self defense that no one nation or combination of nations would dare attack us. We can do this if we will. So let us conduct ourselves in such a way that we will be respected the world over, and by so doing prove to the whole world that our democratic form of Government is beyond reproach, then we will be admired and respected by all peoples, but this cannot be accomplished by mixing ourselves up in other peoples wars in which we have no place, and no right.

If England decided to declare war against Germany for reasons best known to herself, that is England's and Germany's business, not ours, so please keep us out of Europe's wars and intrigues by opposing with your vote, any change in the present neutrality law.

Very truly yours,

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P. S. I am sending you this letter in multigraph form, because I find it impossible to write each representative personally as much as I would like to.

*o Amer. Fish Committee*

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100-25373-8 November 21, 1941  
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Honorable R. Ewing Thomson  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Congressman:

Acknowledgment is hereby made of the receipt of a mimeographed circular bearing the letterhead of Women United, Incorporated, which you forwarded under cover postmarked November 13, 1941. I am also in receipt of a multigraphed communication dated November 11, 1941, addressed to you by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and the mimeographed letter dated November 12, 1941, addressed to you by individuals [REDACTED]

Please accept my thanks for making this material available to the FBI. I know you will not hesitate to refer to me any data you deem of interest to our activities.

With expressions of my highest esteem and best regards,

Sincerely yours,

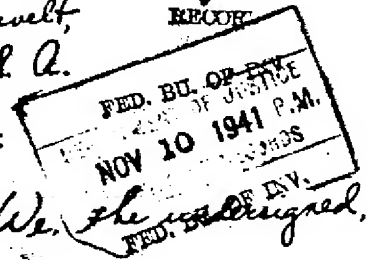
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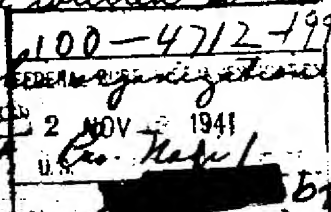
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Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
President of U. S. A.  
Honorable Sir:



W. J. We. the undersigned,  
ask you to use your influence  
to have a committee formed  
for the purpose of investigating  
the "America First Committee".  
Enough has been written to

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prove that the organization  
is Pro-fascist  
Anti-Semite and Un-American.

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done about this, we are

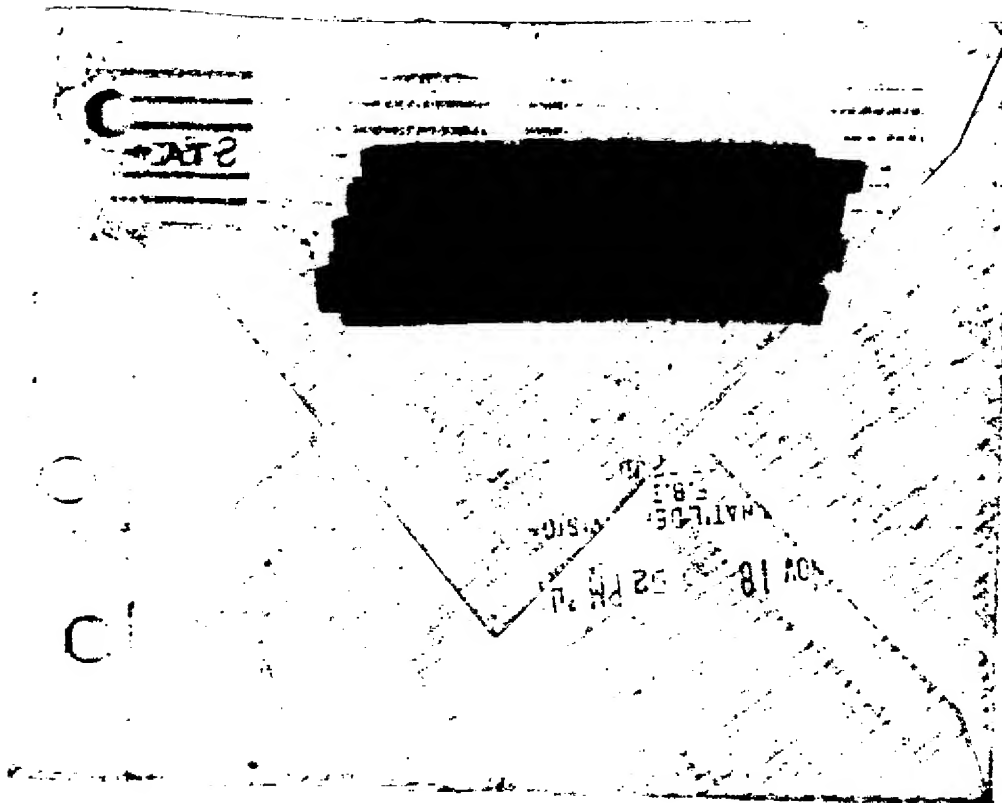
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington  
D. C.

November 25, 1941

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of November 4, 1941, addressed to the President, signed by you, [REDACTED] has been referred to the FBI by the White House.

Please be assured that the content of your letter has been carefully noted and made a matter of permanent record in the official files of the FBI.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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J. Edgar  
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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:—

As a builder I gladly accept the necessary curtailment of my profession since it is necessary for defense. I am sure most of our people are ready for any sacrifice necessary to defeat the Nazi threat to our freedom.

National Defense, Mr. President, urgently needs to expose of the so-called "America First" committee. They are dividing and undermining our united strength. Sec Harold Ickes is correct in advocating an investigation that find out who is behind that organization.

Such an investigation I'm sure would strike a severe blow at the enemies of our country. Our very safety demands it!

Respectfully Yours  
[redacted]  
[redacted]  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of recent date addressed to the President has been referred to this Bureau by the White House.

I want to thank you for your courtesy and interest in communicating with the Federal Government.

You may be assured that the content of your letter has been carefully noted and made a matter of permanent record in our official files.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

To: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*[Handwritten signature]*

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